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CAN A WEAKENED SOONER DEFENSE HOLD THE HUSKERS?

from the publisher

Few publications which dabble in the precarious art of the prognosticator are eager to raise that rascal for review. After all, a prediction is no better or worse, than the hindsight to resurrect it.

Lest we be guilty of burying our blunders in a new season, perhaps a return to the '73 race would be worth a few chuckles. But first a few ground rules! No list of Big 8 combatants is significant unless viewed in context. A pre-season choice in July may falter in the fall if besieged by a rash of injuries. On the other hand a bright newcomer can turn a fourth place team into a contender. The point?! The analysis surrounding the selection is often more meaningful than the list itself. Let's see what I mean (in reverse order in which we predicted the race with quotes taken directly from the analysis article):

Kansas State had a group of "scarred seniors with plenty of scores to settle" and settle they did upsetting Colorado and Iowa State. They finished in the cellar as we predicted, but not without company. Iowa State needed only "a quarterback come-through" to finish in the first division. Buddy Hardemon gave the Cyclones that special sparkplug, but alas not until the final three games, thus too late to challenge the leaders. Kansas was our "sleeper" and funniest thing. Their "new defensive muscle" complimented "old passing potency" to elevate the Jayhawks into a tie with Nebraska for second. Oklahoma State had a "vulnerable and yet indispensable" quarterback and when Blackman became brittle, the Cowboys slipped from contention and finished in a virtual tie for fourth as foreshadowed. "An enviable schedule" allowed Missouri to open with a bang, however, an "unspectacular offense" came up lame and the Tigers settled for fourth as predicted. Let's see, five for five, if you count the sleeper. Knock on wood!

The "Sooners (had) the best defense" but their "questionable offense" found an unexpected leader in Steve Davis in the fall who became the best all-purpose wishbone operative ever at Oklahoma. This vaulted the Sooners to the summit in a mild surprise. "Colorado had the best offense" but was crippled by injuries to a defense already "suspect by the defection of all-leaguer Bud Magrum and a knee injury to tackle Mark Cooney." The Buffs finished a disappointing sixth but injuries had a hand. And finally the "diluted Cornhuskers" were ample on defense but a pedestrian attack needed more ground muscle and the Huskers slipped to second. ("History is against Osborne. Destiny seems to frown on those who follow legends, especially hand-picked aides.") Second was disappointing to Nebraska but still good for seventh nationally. If you transpose Colorado and Kansas our crystal ball wasn't too bad. But this only proves that injuries (Colorado), red-shirts (Oklahoma), and freshmen (Hardemon, Waddy, etc) can change the complexion of the race in the fall. No one can predict the Big 8 race. That's why this is America's number one football conference.

In an effort to provide a continuing inside look at the Big Eight, we plan to introduce a new weekly television series in September which will highlight the race down to the wire. If you have enjoyed *THE BIG EIGHT* magazine, we hope to see you again in the fall. . . that is if your local station is carrying the show. Give 'em a call; a few people still have to be persuaded that the Big Eight is America's super football conference!

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OKLAHOMA	7	0	0
NEBRASKA	4	2	1
KANSAS	4	2	1
MISSOURI	3	4	0
OKLAHOMA STATE	2	3	2
COLORADO	2	5	0
IOWA STATE	2	5	0
KANSAS STATE	2	5	0

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SHADES OF THE IS THE RACE

Oklahoma's defending champions look out of reach, as in bad old days, to some coaches. But Nebraska expects to challenge. Missouri leads a parade crowded with hopefuls who have chance of finishing third. . . or eighth. A torrid wide-open trail of upsets

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FIFTIES: FOR SECOND?

THOSE HALCYON YEARS OF THE FIFTIES that rank No. 1 with nostalgia buffs are remembered with fondness in the Big Eight only by sentimentalists with ties in Norman, Oklahoma. The years between the Korean War and Sputnik —the only tranquil period most Americans have experienced—were agonizing for those who bore the brunt of Oklahoma's historic supremacy. To most, the midfifties may now seem like utopia, because there was no war, no depression, no dust bowl, no riots, no scandals, no energy crisis.

Times were so different in the fifties. Remember. . .A Republican President was re-elected and stayed popular. . .Marilyn Monroe. . .The Dodgers in Brooklyn. . . Students could recite the Lord's Prayer in class but expect to be arrested if they ran naked through the library.

But during that same uncomplicated era the Big Seven-turned-Eight was ridiculed for Oklahoma's annual cakewalks. Some stadiums were half empty and the race was always for second. Those were the bad old days for seven conference members. The 60's and 70's, when Ike and Marilyn passed and values changed and Vietnam and Watergate exploded, were the golden years for the Big Eight. That was when everyone from Ames to Stillwater grew muscles; when national championships came to Lincoln; when a second-place team was voted No. 2 nationally, and when sixth place teams went to bowls.

There is nothing nostalgic about the fifties to most Big Eight members. They are happy to have those memories go the way of the Edsel and never hear of them again. They prefer to think about 1974, not 1954. But last year the modern script unexpectedly changed, with haunting overtones. And, this year. . . .

The Race Is On

By BILL CONNORS
Tulsa World

A slice of the fifties may be about to resurface in the Big Eight this season, according to the elder statesmen among conference coaches. Defending champion Oklahoma is the strongest pre-season favorite in several years. Even Oklahoma's Barry Switzer concedes the Sooners deserve to be favored. Three of his contemporaries think Oklahoma belongs on a pedestal and the race is for second.

Such thinking is prompted in part by the Sooners' talent and experience, and also by the surprising (but disputed) belief that Nebraska has slipped. There is no hint the clock has been turned back to the Seven Dwarf depths of the fifties. Even those who foresee an Oklahoma romp agree there is no shortage of good teams. The balance throughout the conference appears exceptional. There is no appreciable difference between third and eighth, coaches agree.

In a poll of head coaches, Oklahoma was unanimously chosen as the pre-season favorite. Nebraska received every second place vote. But some thought Nebraska was more apt to be third than first. Missouri was the consensus choice for third. After that it was like scrambled eggs, with no agreement on how Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma State, Iowa State and Kansas State should be ranked; only that they belonged in the same bracket.

It was, of course, no surprise that Oklahoma would be heavily favored. The Sooners return nine offensive starters from a team whose closest game during an unexpected sweep to the '73 championship was a 17-point conquest of Iowa State. They have an all-star nucleus around which to reshape their defense. They have superb kicking. In halfback Joe Washington they have the Big Eight's most productive and dangerous runner. In linebacker Rod Shoate they have perhaps the best player in the conference.

Yet, it is surprising that Oklahoma would be favored by fiftish-type proportions. Overall, the Sooners do not appear as devastating as last (10-0-1) year, and Nebraska, buoyed by quarterback Dave Humm's reassertion, expects to be improved and seems to have a challenging look.

"I think Nebraska has the same kind of players we

DAVID LOGAN (88) of Colorado is generally regarded as the best all-around athlete in the Big Eight Conference.

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have," Switzer said. "The only difference I can see is that they don't have a back like Johnny Rodgers who can break a game open and we have one in Joe Washington who can. Otherwise, I think we're similar. I sure don't see us outclassing Nebraska."

But the Big Eight's most experienced coaches see it differently. They envision an Oklahoma that is out of reach.

Since 1970 every Big Eight school except Kansas State has changed coaches, making Vince Gibson, who landed at Manhattan in 1967, the dean of conference head coaches. Gibson was the only coach to give Oklahoma a first-place vote in the 1973 poll. He has correctly picked the conference champion three of the last four years. He also picked Nebraska to win at Norman in the epic game three years ago. His track record as a forecaster deserves respect.

"Oklahoma is the best team in America," Gibson said. "No one in our conference can touch them. And I think this is the year Nebraska will come back and join the rest of us. Nebraska has as many good players as they ever had, but I don't think they've got the great players they've had in the past. Nebraska is probably the second best team in the league but I think they're a lot closer to the rest of us than they are to Oklahoma."

DAVID HUMM (12) of Nebraska will keep defenses honest in '74 with more emphasis on the quarterback keeper.

Kansas' Don Fambrough was a player at KU when Oklahoma's dynasty was erected in the 40's; he has suffered through it as an assistant in the 50's; saw it end in the 60's, and his elevation to head coach in 1971 coincided with the 1-2-3 (Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado) national finish which stamped the Big Eight as a conference of super powers. Fambrough thinks, "Oklahoma is in a class by itself, like our conference hasn't had in some time. All the rest of us are in a tossup fight for second. Everybody has a good team, but nobody has what Oklahoma's got. I think Oklahoma will be the best team in the country. I thought they were last year."

Missouri's Al Onofrio, in his fourth year as head coach but on the scene at Columbia since 1958, said Oklahoma "is on top by itself. Nebraska is second and the rest of us are in the same category. Any of us might challenge Nebraska for second, but Oklahoma is another matter."

However, there are those who think Nebraska will be representative. The only thing different about the Oklahoma-Nebraska game at Lincoln on Nov. 23, they contend, is that it will be not be nationally televised. (Oklahoma's probation excludes the Sooners from television through 1975.) Among those who warn against discounting the Cornhuskers is their second-year coach, Tom Osborne.

"Oklahoma certainly deserves to be the favorite," Osborne said. "But we expect to have a fine team and be able to compete with Oklahoma. On the day we play them I am sure we will go into the game thinking we will win it."

Iowa State's Earl Bruce and Jim Stanley of Oklahoma State, each of whom is also in his second year as head coach, do not expect Nebraska to decline. Bruce said, "Oklahoma may be the top team in the country but Nebraska will be up there close." Stanley said, "I don't see how Oklahoma could be as good as they were at the end of last season. They should be favored but I don't think there will be a big gap between them and Nebraska."

The gap between Oklahoma and the other seven teams had a fiftish look last year, when pre-season favorite Nebraska (9-2-1) and Kansas (7-4-1) tied for second with 4-2-1 records; Missouri (8-4) and Oklahoma State (5-4-2) tied for fourth with records of 3-4 and 2-3-2, respectively, and Colorado (5-6), Kansas State (5-6) and Iowa State (4-7) tied for sixth with 2-5 records.

The coaches see a repeat of this scrambling in 1974. One coach voted Colorado third; another picked the Buffs eighth. Kansas was voted as high as third and as low as seventh. "If we were playing any of them today," OSU's Stanley said, "I would think we might win. But I also know we might lose to any of them. They're that close."

If there is a sleeper in this group it might be Colorado. Despite losing an army of seniors to the pros, Colorado still has fascinating talent on offense and new coach Bill Mallory has a defensive reputation. If it were not for a brutal non-conference schedule that might dampen the fire Mallory lit in spring practice, there would be a tendency to pick the Buffs third.

Mallory inherited a team that last year was a monument to the importance of defense. The 1973 Buffs were exqui-

sitely equipped on offense. But their defense could not prevent opponents from controlling the ball (By an average of 78 plays to 63 per game). This negated much of the offense's firepower and sent the Buffs crashing into disappointment. Can Mallory galvanize this defense?

This is but one of several questions clouding the race for third and second. Will this be the year Humm blooms into the superstar Nebraska has long envisioned? Will Missouri beat a race with the clock and get its offensive line rebuilt? Will Kansas adjust to a new offense? Will Oklahoma State stop fumbling so much?

Every team has critical questions. Even Oklahoma is not without problems. The Sooners have fewer and less significant liabilities than the others, however, and more assets. They have the best offensive line, an accomplished backfield, outstanding receivers and kickers. Though shorn of a 1973 bullet-proof look, their defense still has more outstanding players than any other conference team. The defensive interior is still two-thirds Selmon. Their non-conference schedule is tailored to assure early momentum. The chief concerns are replacements at nose guard and linebacker, halfback and defensive line depth and the fitness of three starters who underwent knee operations.

Operated knees and depth are secondary among the other teams' concerns. There is something to say for and against all of them. Nebraska has an experienced offense, the best pair of linebackers and is pleased with its rebuilt secondary. The Cornhuskers reportedly also have a new resolve. But they are wary of their defensive line, unsure about their kicking and are depending on improved running without any new sources.

Missouri has a veteran defense and its best quarterbacking in several years' but an inexperienced offensive line, pedestrian runners and a schedule that is overloaded with midseason road games. Kansas also has an experienced and solid defense but figures to have growing pains with a new (Veer-T) offense and inexperienced backs. It is rare that a team masters the veer in its first year of implementation.

Iowa State, like Colorado, has a first division look on offense but is suspect on defense. Oklahoma State probably has the best balanced team of the "other six" and is rich in running backs and kickers—but will depend on a sophomore quarterback, who passes better than he runs, to direct its Wishbone. Kansas State may be the most improved team, but because of an infusion of new talent and a Nebraska-type schedule (seven home games). But the Wildcats have won only five conference games in three years and have the farthest to go.

Oklahoma, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Iowa State and Kansas State will look to freshmen for depth. Freshmen might start at either offensive end at O-State. Kansas has the most returning starters—15. Oklahoma and Missouri have 14 each; Colorado has 13; Nebraska, OSU and Iowa State have 11 each, and K-State has eight.

While history shows that defensive dominates in the Big Eight (since 1960 the defensive leader has won or shared every championship but one, and the No. 1 offensive team has failed to win the championship on five occasions), the makeup of returning personnel suggests this will be a better than normal year for offense. Every team except Kansas and O-State returns starting quarterbacks. Every team except Missouri has an experienced offensive line, and every team except Missouri and Kansas needs some come throughs in its defensive line.

There is an exceptional class of linebackers. But most of the showcase figures are on offense. Now that Nebraska has moved Tony Davis to fullback and with Iowa State hoping to do likewise with Mike Strachan, there is the rare prospect of four fullbacks with 1,000 yard harvests. Strachan (twice), Davis and Oklahoma's Waymon Clark have eclipsed the 1,000 yard mark, and O-State's George Palmer missed by only 66 yards in 1972. The conference is long on deluxe wide receivers, and this might be remembered as a year for quarterbacks. There are at least four who carry great expectations. They are Steve Davis of Oklahoma, Humm, David Williams of Colorado and Steve Grogan of Kansas State. Gibson thinks Grogan "is one of the best quarterbacks in the country."

Davis, who led the conference in scoring and was second in total offense, is the best passing AND running Wishbone quarterback Oklahoma has had. Davis and Humm, who was benched in the second half of Nebraska's 19-3 Cotton Bowl

ROBERT MILLER (32) of Kansas must pick up the slack left by Delvin Williams' departure if the Jayhawks are to be as formidable on offense.

victory over Texas, were among the established quarterbacks expected to be challenged in spring practice by heralded new comers or experienced understudies. Oklahoma could imagine alternating two quarterbacks if Kerry Jackson, whose grounding in the wake of the probation opened the starting door to Davis, regained his form. But Davis cemented his No. 1 status. Humm demonstrated such improved running and leadership there was a revival of Heisman talk in Lincoln.

Ray Smith, late-season starter who impressed in the 34 - 17 Sun Bowl rout of Auburn, remained No. 1 at Missouri, but strong-armed Steve Pisarkiewicz figures in the Tigers' plans. Buddy Hardeman, the catalyst in Iowa State's impressive finish, retained his edge over Wayne Stanley. The only starting quarterback in '73 who failed to hold off his challenger was Colorado's Clyde Crutchmer. He lost his job to Williams, who was the rage of spring practice.

Every team has solid, proven players on defense. But the best bets for All-America may be the Oklahoma trio of Shoate, tackle Leroy Selmon and strong safety Randy Hughes.

K-State's Gibson said, "the tipoff on Oklahoma is that they've got three bonafide All-Americas on defense, but they think their long suit is offense."

RAY BYBEE (31) of Missouri was the Sun Bowl's Outstanding Offensive Player-of-the Game.

This is true. For the first time since '71 Oklahoma is stronger on offense than defense. It is also true the Sooners finished second in '71. They won back-to-back championships in '72 and '73 with smothering defenses. They go after No. 3 without a set hand on defense.

They will also be bucking a hex. Oklahoma has disappointed the last three times it was a pre-season favorite. In 1963, when the Sooners' situation paralleled '74, they finished second; in '68 they salvaged a share of the title with Kansas and in '69 they sank to fourth.

In the last seven years the only conclusive pre-season favorite to win an undisputed championship was Nebraska in 1971. Some wonder if the Sooners will play with the crusading passion of last year when they were angry about the probation, annoyed about being picked third and blessed with the hunger of youth.

Gibson concedes the Sooners may not have as much incentive this year. "But," he said, "the reason they manhandled everybody last year was not because they were enthused. It was because of all that talent. I've never seen so many great players on one team."

The Sooners return most of that touchdown thunder. Washington, who led the Big Eight in rushing and averaged 6.9 yards every time he touched the ball, is the standout of a versatile backfield that is strong and fast. If halfback Grant Burget, who has not practiced since a knee operation following the 1973 opener, regains his form this should be a stunning backfield. Davis keeps relentless run-pass pressure on a defense. Clark has bullish strength, plus speed. They operate behind a line that Switzer thinks may be better than the 1971 and '72 lines, which Fambrough thought were the best in Big Eight history. Guards John Roush and Terry Webb and center Kyle Davis are all-conference types. So are the alternating split ends, Tinker Owens and Billy Brooks. Tony DiRienzo, soccer style place kicker from Brazil, has 60-yard ability. John Carroll, an outstanding kicker before being injured two years ago, returns and should be among the top punters if he is fit, as he thinks. Washington is a dazzling kick returner.

Oklahoma cannot replace the size, speed and savvy it lost on defense. But at worst the Sooners should be "fairly good" on defense, Switzer thinks. Besides Shoate, Leroy Selmon and Hughes, the Sooners return all-conference caliber players in tackle Dewey Selmon, and cornerback Tony Peters. The replacements at end were impressive in spring practice. The secondary replacements are experienced. The problems are nose guard and linebacker.

Nebraska's hopes of challenging Oklahoma revolve around Humm. His emergence the last two years as a classic dropback passer who did not run keynoted Nebraska's increased dependence on passing. This offensive imbalance was costly against opponents with strong defenses. But Humm responded to his humiliating experience in the Cotton Bowl with "the best spring he's ever had," Osborne said. "He reasserted himself as a runner and as a leader."

Humm's spring set the mood for all the Cornhuskers, who admittedly ache to avenge an embarrassing shutout (24 - 0) Oklahoma inflicted on them last year. Nebraska has some of the league's best offensive linemen in center Rik Bonness (better than Doug Dumler and the best center in the country, Osborne thinks), guard Tom Alward and tackle Marvin Crenshaw. Osborne thinks Tom Ruud and Bob Nel-

son are "the best pair" of linebackers in the Big Eight) and is pleased with the receivers and rebuilt secondary.

But there will be reservations about the running game until Davis' veteran companions prove they are improved and for the first time in four years the defensive line does not have an Outland Trophy candidate. The kicking is uncertain.

Missouri returns nine starters from a defense that yielded only two more points than Oklahoma. End Bob McRoberts, tackles Mark Johnson (returning on an operated knee) and Dennis Vanarsdall and linebacker Scott Pickens are among the league's best defenders. History shows that when Missouri's defense is experienced the Tigers do not have to score much to win. How Missouri goes about trying to score will be watched with added interest because the traditionally conservative Tigers are not blessed with size or speed among their running backs. But Pisarkiewicz "has the best arm I've seen around here in a long time," Onofrio said. Smith, a better runner, is the undisputed starter, Onofrio said. How much playing time Pisarkiewicz gets and how much freedom he has to pass dominate speculation about the Tigers.

But Onofrio is more concerned with the progress of inexperienced tackles in the offensive line. Each of the highly regarded and probable starters was disabled in the first week of spring. "We certainly are not discouraged about out talent there," Onofrio said. "But it will be like starting from scratch, since we didn't get to work with them in the spring. It takes time to play in the offensive line, and it's going to hurry us to be ready."

No team in 1973 realized more from its kicking game than Missouri, which lived on John Moseley's returns and Greg Hill's place kicking. But replacements are promising and Onofrio's chief complaint with the kicking game in spring practice was "our snappers and holders."

If the Tigers are to contend for second, they will have to win on artificial turfs. Between Sept. 28 and Nov. 9 they play five road games and only one game on their grass field at Columbia.

Some thought Kansas was lucky last year when the Jayhawks' four league victories were by a total of 12 points, all in comeback fashion. The Jayhawks (beaten, 31-18, by North Carolina State in the Liberty Bowl) lost the triggerman (David Jaynes) of those comebacks and junked the pro offense for the Houston Veer. This is a difficult transition for linemen, whose primary responsibility heretofore was pass protection. In addition, KU is breaking in a sophomore quarterback, Scott McMichael.

But, surprisingly, Fambrough thinks, "we will be better." The reason is an experienced defense that forced 52 turnovers last year. Eight starters return. Linebacker Steve Towle, nose guard Mike Lemon, end Dean Zook and free safety Kurt Knoff prompt Fambrough to think Kansas' defense "can be close to being the best in the conference." Though fullback Robert Miller is the only proven back, Fambrough believes, "we have the talent to run the Veer. McMichael has a fine arm. We think we will be able to run and throw." For sure, the Jayhawks can catch. In Bruce Adams ("the best athlete I've ever coached," Fambrough says) and record-setting Emmett Edwards, Kansas has excellent wide receivers. Kansas has an experienced offensive line, but Fambrough admitted, "this was where we had problems with the new offense in the spring. It's a big adjustment."

No team is as much a mystery as Colorado, where Eddie Crowder retired to the athletic director's chair after a disillusioning season and hired Mallory, whose Miami of Ohio team was 11-0 and led the nation in defense. He impressed by selling his kind of discipline without any defections. He admitted he never had this kind of offensive talent at Miami. He also never had to play LSU, Michigan and Wisconsin. in the first three weeks. And the defense is small and thin, and the kicking inexperienced.

But not even Oklahoma can start three more gifted backfield operatives than Colorado's trio of wingback Dave Logan, generally considered the best athlete in the Big Eight, tailback Billy Waddy and quarterback David Williams. Logan, who averaged 15 yards each time he touched the ball last year, will run and receive more in the new system. The receiving is 1-A and the offensive line would be the biggest in the conference (249 average) even without tight end Don Hasselbeck, who is 6-7 and 242!

While one coach said Colorado's defensive talent was

STEVE GROGAN (11) of Kansas State is the most physical as well as versatile quarterback in the conference.

"by far the poorest in the league," Mallory said if tackle Jeff Turcotte is sound after knee surgery, "I just feel we will be a fine defensive team."

Oklahoma State smacks a team with the capacity to surprise. The Cowboys do not have the depth or trappings that caused their expectations to get out of hand last year, when their fumble ratio was one per 12 plays. But their starting units may be as strong as last year. They have more qualified running backs (four) than any team. Palmer, lighter and quicker, regained his sophomore form in spring practice and halfback Leonard Thompson ranks near the league's best. The offensive line lacks only a tight end from being improved and Stanley vowed "to have a good tight end" even if it means moving 6-5, 255 pound Phillip Dokes, the best tackle in a big, veteran defensive line. Linebacker, Jesse Hudson, a new secondary and Cliff Parsley, who led the Big Eight in punting last year, and place-kicker Abby Daigle complete a rounded team.

The question is quarterback Charlie Weatherbie, whose reputation as a passer prompted many to think he was not suited for the Wishbone. But Weatherbie improved his speed (4.8) and convinced Stanley "we can utilize his passing and still run our basic Wishbone." The Cowboys will accomodate Weatherbie by frequently using a slot formation. His smooth ball-handling was a factor in reducing fumbles in spring practice.

Iowa State was probably the third best team in the conference the final month of 1973, when the Cyclones gave Oklahoma a scare (They led, 17-7) and upset Missouri and OSU. With Strachan, at fullback to make room for flyer Mike Tyson at tailback, and the super quick Hardeman at quarterback, the Cyclones have one of the better backfields. They also have an experienced offensive line, another cast of potent wide receivers, plus the league's most qualified kicking duo in Tom Goedjen, who led in kick scoring last year, and Scott Bradley, who was second in punting.

But the Cyclones have a thin defensive line and green linebackers and a secondary that caused them grief last year. The latter will be revised with Barry Hill, who led the Big Eight in interceptions with eight, moving from cornerback to free safety.

The eternally optimistic Gibson insists K-State will be "a lot better in our second year with the Veer," and surround Grogan with "more skilled people than we've ever had." The offensive line is experienced. The non-conference schedule is soft. Five sophomores will start on defense but Gibson says "some of them beat out starters." Gibson, who coached several All-America linebackers at Tennessee, claims his burly sophomore tandem of Theopilis Bryant and Carl Pennington will be the best pair "I've ever had." He concedes kicking "is not what we want.

Gibson concluded, "we can play with everybody except Oklahoma. We're better than we were in 1970 where we tied for second. It's tougher to finish second now, but we'll be shooting for second. I'm afraid second place is all that's open this year."

1974 BIG EIGHT SCHEDULE

Dates	Iowa State	Kansas State	Oklahoma State	Colorado	Kansas	Missouri	Nebraska	Oklahoma
Sept 14	TEXAS TECH at Lubbock	TULSA at Manhattan	WICHITA STATE at Stillwater	LSU at Baton Rouge	WASH STATE at Spokane	MISSISSIPPI at Jackson	OREGON at Lincoln	BAYLOR at Norman
Sept 21	WASHINGTON at Seattle	WICHITA STATE at Manhattan	ARKANSAS at Little Rock	MICHIGAN at Ann Arbor	TENNESSEE at Knoxville	BAYLOR at Columbia	WISCONSIN at Madison	OPEN
Sept 28	BRIGHAM YOUNG at Ames	COLORADO ST. at Ft. Collins	BAYLOR at Waco	WISCONSIN at Boulder	FLORIDA ST. at Lawrence	ARIZONA ST. at Columbia	NORTHWESTERN at Lincoln	UTAH ST. at Norman
Oct 5	NEW MEXICO at Ames	MISS. STATE at Miss. State	TEXAS TECH at Lubbock	AIR FORCE at Colo. Springs	TEXAS A&M at Lawrence	WISCONSIN at Madison	MINNESOTA at Lincoln	WAKE F. at Norman
Oct 12	COLORADO at Boulder	KANSAS at Manhattan	OPEN	IOWA STATE at Boulder	KANSAS STATE at Manhattan	NEBRASKA at Lincoln	MISSOURI at Lincoln	TEXAS at Dallas
Oct 19	KANSAS STATE at Ames	IOWA STATE at Ames	MISSOURI at Stillwater	OKLAHOMA at Boulder	NEBRASKA at Lawrence	OKLAHOMA ST. at Stillwater	KANSAS at Lawrence	COLORADO at Boulder
Oct 26	KANSAS at Lawrence	OKLAHOMA at Norman	NEBRASKA at Lincoln	MISSOURI at Columbia	IOWA STATE at Lawrence	COLORADO at Columbia	OKLAHOMA ST. at Lincoln	KANSAS ST. at Norman
Nov 2	OKLAHOMA at Ames	MISSSOURI at Manhattan	KANSAS at Stillwater	NEBRASKA at Boulder	OKLAHOMA ST. at Stillwater	KANSAS ST. at Manhattan	COLORADO at Boulder	IOWA STATE at Ames
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Nov 16	MISSOURI at Columbia	NEBRASKA at Lincoln	COLORADO at Stillwater	OKLAHOMA ST. at Stillwater	OKLAHOMA at Lawrence	IOWA STATE at Columbia	KANSAS ST. at Lincoln	KANSAS at Lawrence
Nov 23	OKLAHOMA ST. at Stillwater	COLORADO at Manhattan	IOWA STATE at Stillwater	KANSAS ST. at Manhattan	MISSOURI at Columbia	KANSAS at Columbia	OKLAHOMA at Lincoln	NEBRASKA at Lincoln
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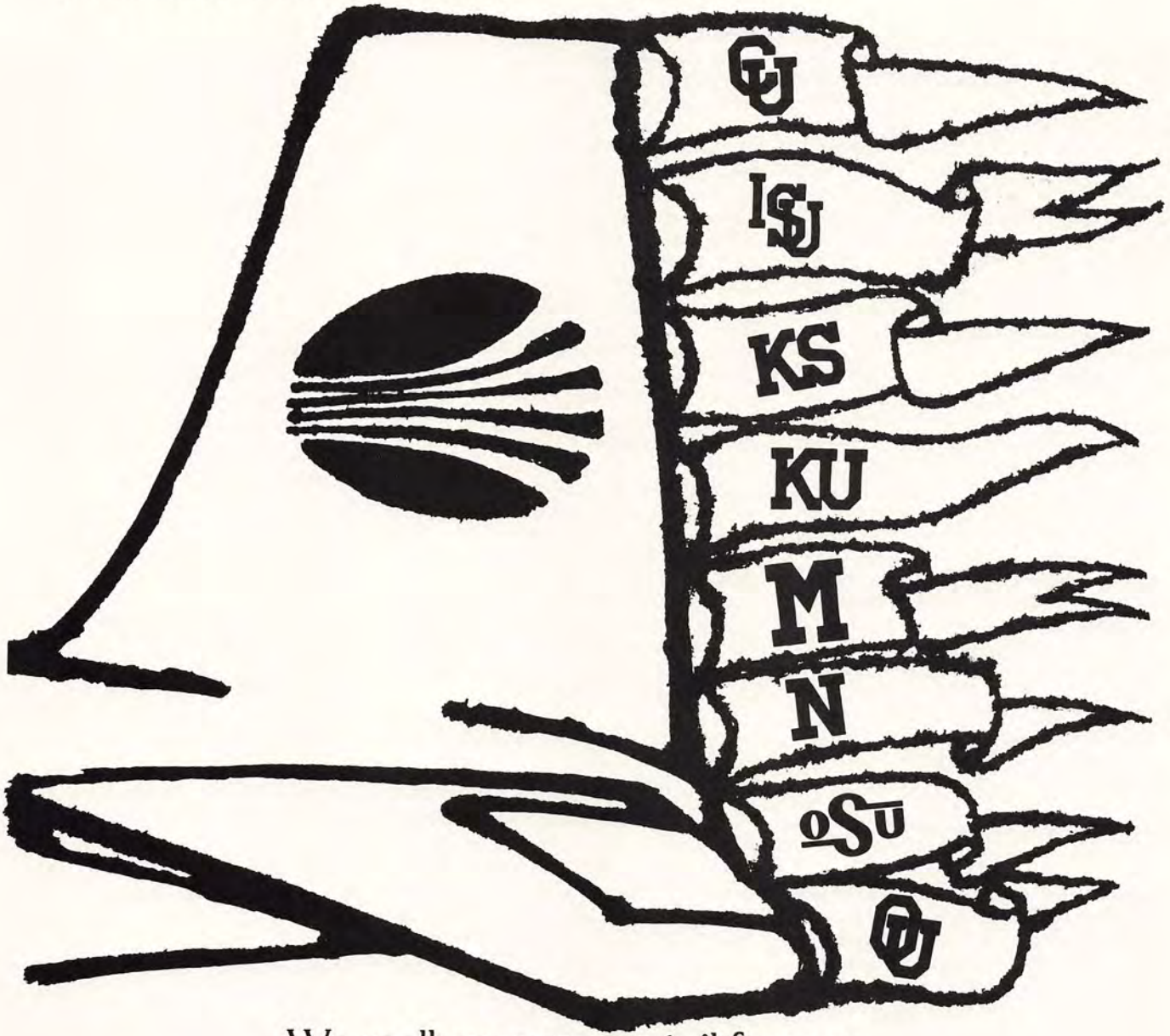

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Writer's Poll: An Instant Replay of the Run of '89

SOMETHING HAPPENED IN *The Big Eight's* annual writer's poll this year that hasn't occurred previously in the brief history of this publication. Nebraska was not picked to win the conference championship. Oklahoma was the overwhelming choice of the writers to capture the crown. Barry Switzer's swarthy Sooners were tabbed to come home first by 20 of the 21 football writers participating in the poll with only Buck Turnbull of the Des Moines Register opting for another front-runner. Buck alone sees this as a Nebraska upset.

Awarding points on a scale of 8 for first, 7 for second, etc., Oklahoma led the balloting with 168 points. Nebraska was the consensus choice to finish second (148 points) receiving every second place vote except Turnbulls. Missouri was a solid third (113) and then it really became a dog fight. Colorado and Kansas were separated by two slim points (86 to 84, respectively) with Oklahoma State a close sixth (77). Iowa State finished with 55 points and Kansas State finished in the cellar with 31. But every team received at least one first division vote, indicating the wide-spread disagreement among the writers on the scramble for the summit.

Yet its impossible to discount the awesome strength of the Sooners. Their apparent defensive let-down (seven starters graduated) is off-set by the fact that the four returning are all Big Eight selections and potentially all-Americans. It's easy to build a defense around two Selmons, a Shoate and Hughes. And the offense appears even more formidable if Grant Burget returns from knee surgery which sidelined him the entire '73 season.

But let's return for a moment to Turnbull's negative vote. . . one out of 21 for the Huskers. An ego affair, you say, to be different! Perhaps, but Turnbull also broke ranks in '73 when the writers envisioned a Nebraska rout, and who but the Sooners made Buck a veritable prophet. Now he opts for Nebraska and this publisher is inclined to watch with interest.

Bill Connors points out that Oklahoma's most successful teams came in years when expectations were not so high. The young championship teams of 1962 and '67 looked much better on paper in '63 and '68 but were disappointing. Oklahoma had something to prove in 1973. A sophomore dominated offense and a probation proving ground served as the spring-board for a tumultuous season. Can these same juniors continue this breakneck pace? Or will they carry their press clippings onto the field in '74? We're inclined to believe that 1974 will be remembered as the year of the "big upset!" After all, the writers have put the double whammy on Oklahoma with a summit selection, so it could be anybody's race.

Rod Shoate and Joe Washington were near unanimous choices for offensive and defensive player-of-the-year and Billy Waddy of Colorado was tapped as the sophomore of the year.

As for the National Championship, Oklahoma was a rousing, though reluctant choice, reasoning that the national pollsters will object to the Sooner's "Peck's Bad Boy" image.

TOM ASH, Omaha World-Herald: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Kansas; 5. Colorado; 6. Oklahoma State; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. "*It's going to be a surprise, if anyone but Oklahoma wins it.*" Best offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Bobby Thomas of Nebraska. National champion: Oklahoma!

BILL BECK, St. Louis Post-Dispatch: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Colorado; 5-7 (bunched): Iowa State, Kansas, Oklahoma State; 8. Kansas State. "*Oklahoma may not be quite as stifling on defense but nobody can be that good. Only question about the Sooners is, can coach Barry Switzer make his players forget about probation one more year?* Best offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Best defensive player, Mike Lemon of Kansas. Sophomore of the year: Chez Evans of Oklahoma. National champion: If God is in his heaven, Oklahoma.

DEL BLACK, Kansas City Star: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Kansas State; 5. Colorado; 6. Kansas; 7. Oklahoma State; 8. Iowa State. "*Bottom six positions in Big Eight are wide open.*" Best offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Theopilis Bryant, of Kansas State. National Champion: Oklahoma.

SCOTT CHERRY, Tulsa World: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Iowa State; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Colorado; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. "*Oklahoma always seems to come up with the right player at the right time to take care of the question marks, which appear to be few.*" Best offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Billy Waddy of Colorado. National champion: Oklahoma.

DAN CREEDON, Boulder Daily Camera: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Colorado; 4. Missouri; 5. Iowa State; 6. Oklahoma State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. "*Despite key losses on defense, Sooners still in a class by themselves.*" Best offensive player: Steve Davis, Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Randy Hughes, Oklahoma. Top

sophomore: Billy Waddy, Colorado. National champion: Michigan.

AL ESCHBACH, Oklahoma Journal: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Colorado; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Missouri; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. Top offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Billy Waddy of Colorado. National Champion: Ohio State.

FRANK HARAWAY, Denver Post: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Oklahoma State; 4. Colorado; 5. Missouri; 6. Kansas; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. Best offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Billy Waddy of Colorado. National champion: Oklahoma.

BOB HARTZELL, Tulsa Tribune: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Iowa State; 6. Colorado; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. *"I think Oklahoma will go unbeaten and should have a helluva shot at the national championship. But, if another team goes unbeaten AND wins a bowl game, I am afraid the Sooners will be relegated to second or third, being forgotten in the final poll as they were last season.*

BOB HENTZEN, Topeka Capital-Journal: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Kansas; 4. Missouri; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Kansas State; 7. Iowa State; 8. Colorado. Best offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top Sophomore: Theopolis Bryant of Kansas State. National champion: Alabama.

BILL HIRSCH, Boulder Daily Camera: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Colorado; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. *"Nobody can stop the Sooners . . .except the NCAA."* Top Best offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Roderick Shoate, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Phil Dokes, Oklahoma State. National Champion: Southern California.

RICK HUMMEL, St. Louis Post-Dispatch: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Colorado; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Kansas; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. Best offensive player: David Humm of Nebraska;. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Jornel Williams of Missouri.

BOB HURT, Daily Oklahoman: 1. Oklahoma; Nebraska; 3. Kansas; 4. Missouri; 5. Colorado; 6. Oklahoma State; 7. Kansas State; 8. Iowa State. *"As a veteran hedger, it pains me to be so direct. But it has to be Oklahoma, barring famine, pestilence or a defensive fuel shortage."*

KEN LEIKER, Topeka Capital-Journal: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Mis ouri; 4. Kansas; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Colorado; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. Best offensive player: David Humm of Nebraska. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top Sophomore: Billy Waddy of Colorado. National Champion: Notre Dame.

RON MALY, Des Moines Register: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Kansas; 5. Iowa State; 6. Colorado; 7. Oklahoma State; 8. Kansas State. *"Although still paying the price for past sins, Oklahoma will be on another crusade."* Best offensive player: Mike Strachan of Iowa State. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Buddy Hardeman of Iowa State:. National champion: Oklahoma.

CONDE SARGENT, Omaha World-Herald: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Kansas; 5. Colorado; 6. Oklahoma State; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. *"When Nebraskans start seeing Oklahoma No. 1, Sooner strengths must be rather obvious."*

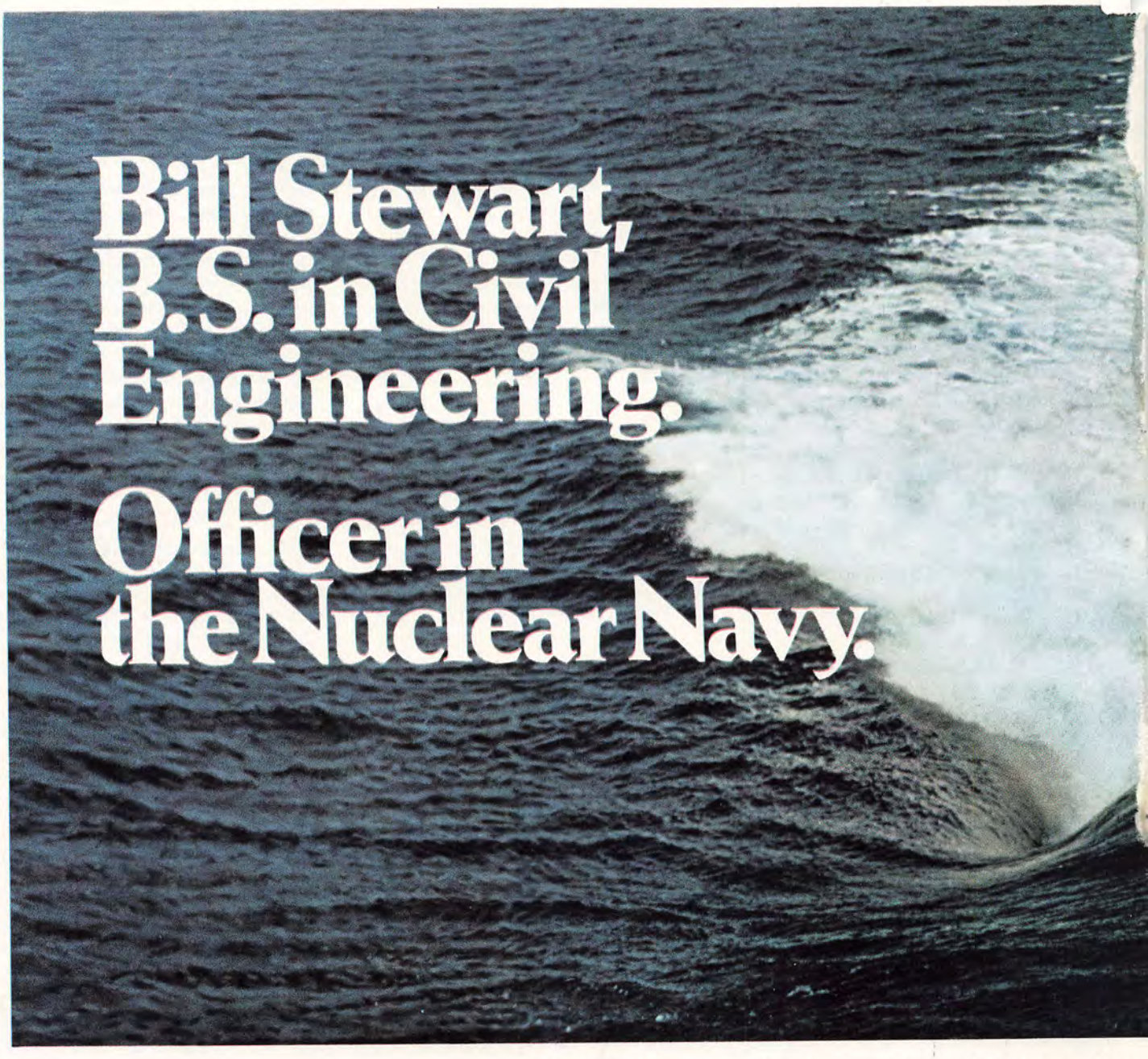
CHARLIE SMITH, United Press International: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska and Colorado; 4. Kansas and Missouri; 6. Iowa State; 7. Oklahoma State; 8. Kansas State. *"Oklahoma should be the best team again, but they won't win the national championship even if the Sooners have a perfect record. There's too much sentiment against the probation—and also Oklahoma won't have the chance to prove itself in a bowl."* Best offensive player: Joe Washington of Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Mike Tyson of Iowa State or Billy Waddy of Colorado.

BUCK TURNBULL, Des Moines Register: 1. Nebraska; 2. Oklahoma; 3. Missouri; 4. Kansas; 5. Iowa State; 6. Colorado; 7. Oklahoma State; 8. Kansas State. *"It's a two-team race but Nebraska will win the big one Nov. 23."* Best offensive player: David Humm of Nebraska. Best defensive player: Rod Shoate of Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Buddy Hardeman of Iowa State. National champion: Notre Dame.

JIM WEEKS, Norman Transcript: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Kansas; 6. Colorado; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. *"A man could legally be put away for not selecting Oklahoma this year. The Sooners made a shambles of the championship race in 1973, and it looks like the real race will be for second place this year."* Best Top sophomore: Billy Waddy of Colorado. National Champion: Oklahoma.

CHUCK WOODLING, Lawrence Journal-World: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Kansas; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Colorado; 6. Missouri; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. Best offensive player of the year: Oklahoma's Joe Washington. Best defensive player of the year: Kansas' Steve Towle. Top sophomore: Nebraska's Bobby Thomas. National champion: Notre Dame by virtue of its "two-game" schedule.

DAVE WRIGHT, Manhattan Mercury: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3- Kansas; 4. Missouri; 5. Kansas State; 6. Colorado; 7. Iowa State; 8. Oklahoma State. National Champion: Oklahoma.



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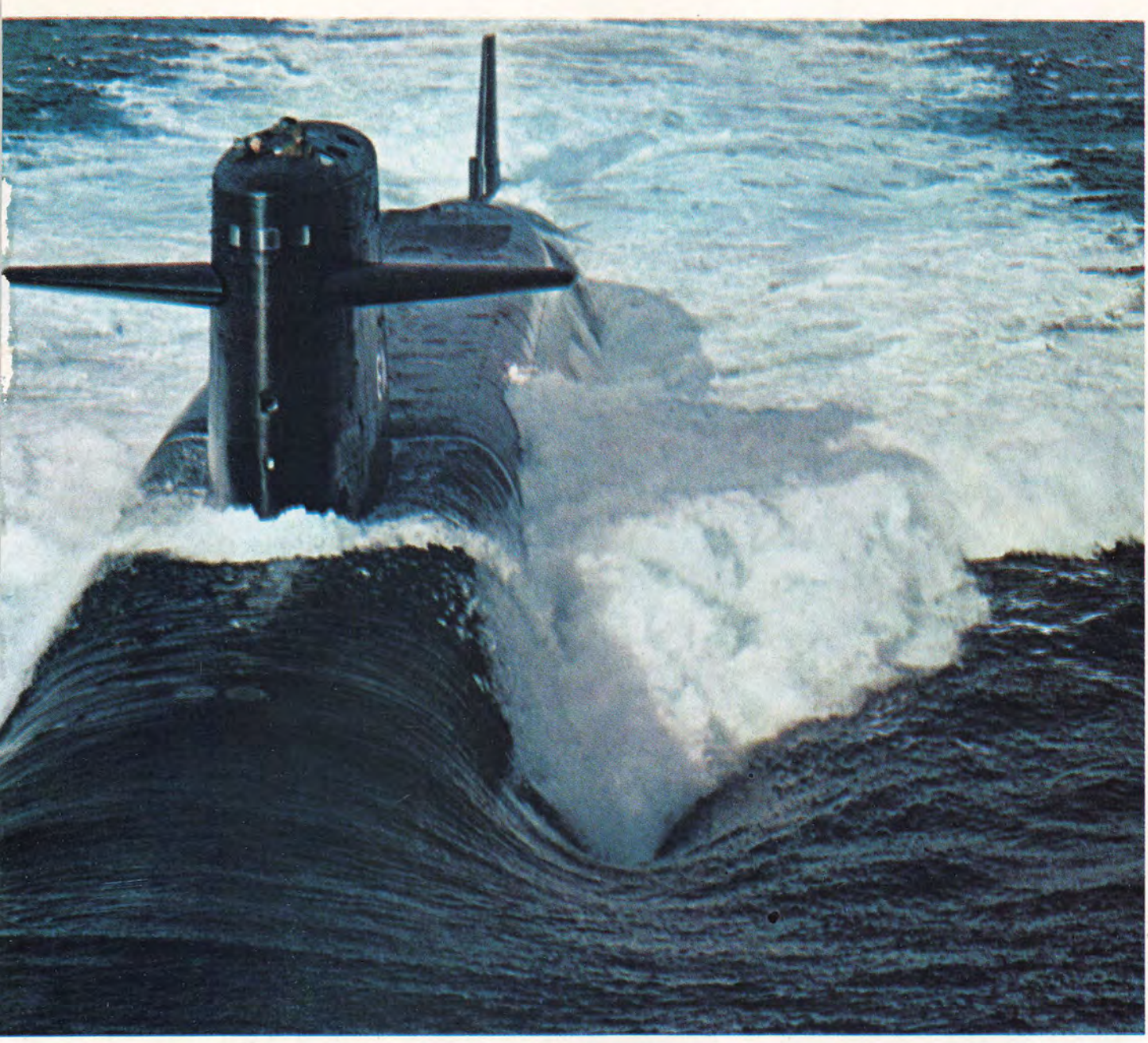

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OKLAHOMA: EQUIPPED TO GO 11-0

If Joe Washington stays healthy and several operated knees mend, Sooners will be loaded on offense. Rebuilt defense has some holes but it still has Shoate and two Selmons.

By BILL CONNORS *Tulsa World*

THE JURY HAS TWO YEARS to determine where Joe Washington ranks on Oklahoma's mantel of running backs. But Washington has already achieved a distinction denied Heisman Trophy winners Billy Vessels and Steve Owens, Maxwell Trophy winner Tommy McDonald and Heisman runner-up Greg Pruitt.

Washington became OU's first healthy superstar with two years of eligibility and no other sport to play to be excused from spring practice. Washington participated in only the non-contact polishing drills. He watched all the scrimmages and the spring's climactic Varsity-Alumni game from the sideline, in street clothes.

This says as much about Washington as it does Oklahoma's 1974 prospects. The 175-pound junior halfback is considered so valuable Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer took unconventional precautions to insure his fitness.

If Washington's fitness is not impaired this autumn, the Sooners seemingly will be equipped to make their fourth consecutive run at the national championship. They are that imposing. Should Washington be disabled, though, their Wishbone would be stripped of its exotic quality and restricted to a quarterback-fullback pedestrianism. They are thin in halfbacks.

This lack of qualitative depth at halfback is the only reservation about OU's offense. Nine starters return from a versatile unit which keynoted a surprising but convincing sweep to the conference championship and Sooners' first unbeaten (10-0-1) record in 17 years. The returnees, who scored 51 of 55 touchdowns include the Big Eight's leading rusher in Washington and leading scorer in quarterback Steve Davis, the catalyst in an improbable story.

Minus six of its 1973 starters, Oklahoma's defense has several questions. But it also has three superior players: Rod Shoate, probably the best linebacker in the country; tackle Leroy Selmon, an Outland and Lombardi Trophy possiblity, and Randy Hughes, a classical strong safety. While Oklahoma can not match the overall speed and size of its '73 fortress and will have noticeable dropoffs at nose guard and linebacker the defense is apt to be competent.

In all probability, the offense will be better than competent. Consider the assets:

Washington, the consummate halfback; Davis, the best runner-passer quarterback OU has had since its romance with the Wishbone began four years ago; Waymon Clark, OU's most productive fullback in two decades; an offensive line which from tackle to tackle may be the best in OU history; Tinker Owens, considered the best split end in the conference by those at OU who do not think that accolade is deserved by his alternate, Billy Brooks.

Oklahoma has offensive depth throughout the line at fullback and quarterback. It also has such complementing luxuries as prolific place-kicking and improved—possibly superior—punting, plus an inviting schedule. The non-conference schedule of Baylor, Utah State, Wake Forest (All at Norman) and Texas (Which has problems) is softer than usual. The Sooners do not play any of the Big Eight's probably first division teams until November, by which time their defense should be seasoned.

This may not be as compelling a team as its three predecessors whose combined record was 32-2-1 and whose national ranking was No. 2, No. 2 and No. 3, respectively. But the '74 Sooners appear to have the best chance to go 11-0.

Ironically, Oklahoma's last 11-0 team (1955) was also on probation, but without sanctions, and won the national championship. The '74 Sooners are entering the second season of a two-year probation that will keep them out of a bowl for the second straight year and off television through 1975. If a 12-0 record is required to win the national championship, as has been the case the last the three years, the Sooners cannot qualify. They qualify on all other points.

Switzer, who in his head coaching debut last season was voted Big Eight coach of the year, thinks it is easier to win championships with a great defense and good offense that it is the other way around—as OU learned in 1971. But even his concern about defensive replacements and the comeback chances from surgery of halfback Grand Burget does not inspire Switzer into fits of pessimism. If he knew Washington would remain fit, Switzer might climb out there on the limb with those who make lofty forecasts.

"We should be real good on offense," Switzer said. "Our offensive line might be the best we've ever had. Joe Washington is the best player with the ball in his hands the conference has had since Johnny Rodgers. I expect Steve Davis to improve. I doubt there is a fullback as strong and as fast as Waymon Clark. Some things have got to happen for us to come lose to being as good defensively as we were last year. But I think we'll still be good on defense. We've got to have some key people get well from operations. We

Please turn the page.

TINKER OWENS (11) storms by the Cyclones to an 11-0 season in '74.

especially need for Grant Burget to get well and play like we think he can play. And we're going to have to look to our freshmen for depth in the backfield and defensive line. We're awfully thin there. But if Joe Washington plays every game, I think it will take a heckuva team to beat us."

Washington, who as a freshman moved senior Joe Wylie to the second team, is a deft runner. His speed is excellent and his moves are breathtaking. Rivals liken him to tackling a ghost. What he does best is return punts. But he also blocks, passes and receives in deluxe fashion.

Washington is not indispensable, in the sense quarterback Jack Mildren was in '71, to winning. But he is the only proven outside runner. He also is a durable inside runner capable of taking on workhorse responsibilities, as he did last year after Burget was disabled in the opener. OU improvised by moving fullback Tim Welch to halfback and using him mainly as a blocker and relying on only three ball carriers. Welch gained but 162 yards. Washington rushed for 1,173, Clark for 1,014 and Davis for 887. The latter two were fourth and sixth, respectively, among Big Eight rushers.

GRANT BURGET (25) will be the Big 8's comeback-player-of-the-year.

Washington averaged 6.9 yards every time he touched the ball. Davis averaged 6.7 yards per play, second best in the conference. Clark averaged 4.9 yards per carry. Oklahoma would sorely miss the dazzle of Washington. But it might still win any game, because of Davis and Clark. OU never had a pair of such unsuspecting heroes as Davis and Clark last year.

Davis became the starting quarterback by default when the transcript scandal exploded, making Kerry Jackson ineligible. The 5-10 Davis was without experience or credentials. He considered quitting football in 1972 during a frustrating redshirt (sophomore) season when it seemed he had no future and he ate himself to over 200 pounds. But the licensed Baptist minister dieted off 20 pounds, improved his speed (fast as Mildren) and when destiny thrust him into the spotlight he immediately proved to be an accomplished runner. He got his passing confidence on a glorious bomb-throwing day against Texas and thereafter was, Switzer thought, "the best of the Wishbone quarterbacks at running AND passing." Davis passed for nine touchdowns and 934 yards, giving him 1,810 yards total offense, second only to Mildren's OU record of 2,018.

Clark went into last season more of an unknown than Davis. Considered a versatile athlete capable of playing several positions, the 6-2, 207-pound Clark was recruited out of junior college and didn't arrive until pre-season practice. OU coaches viewed him as a defensive end but because they did not have enough fullbacks to compile a depth chart, Clark was assigned to fullback on the first day of practice and became a rare find. The moody but intrepid competitor is deceptively strong and has halfback (4.6) speed.

If Burget mends and realizes his potential, the Sooners will be infinitely improved. This is the fifth year for the fast, 200-pound Burget, who was once called, "a big Joe Wylie." He waited two years for his chance and was wiped out in the Baylor opener last year and underwent knee surgery. He missed spring practice. Without Washington and Burget, OU looked ordinary at halfback.

Horace Ivory, a junior college flyer, looked promising until grounded by surgery. Switzer is eager to take another look at Ivory this fall. Otherwise, the reserve halfback quality will have to come from incoming freshmen, some of whom are highly advertised. But OU's roster is dotted with heralded schoolboy runners who faded into obscurity when they had to block. So, Switzer is wary.

Depth is no problem at quarterback and fullback. Jackson, who suffered serious arm and chest injuries in an automobile accident shortly after the probation was announced, showed the rusty effects of his layoff. He was No. 3 at the end of spring, behind Joe McReynolds, but still considered a prime prospect. Jim Littrell (196) is such a quality backup for Clark that Switzer would like to red-shirt him. If Burget's knee does not respond, Clark might play fullback and Littrell would start.

Kansas may dispute this, but Switzer thinks Owens and Brooks are unexcelled as a split end duo. Owens is an acrobat with marvelous hands. Brooks has thoroughbred moves and style. Between the fleet juniors, they scored eight touhdowns on 30 receptions. Tight end Wayne Hoffman scored four touchdowns on five receptions.

Hoffman, 6-4, 230-pound senior, was drafted in a desperation move from the second team defense and solved a crisis last year. In a year when most teams are breaking in new tight ends, Hoffman should be among the Big Eight's best.

The offensive linemen who work beside Hoffman are so talented they defied a football axiom last year. They proved inexperienced players could, too, excel in positions where timing and finesse—which supposedly come only with experience— are paramount. Five of the six starters return amid staff expectations they may be better than the 1971-72 Tom Brahaney-Dean Unruh line that Kansas coach Don Fambrough called "the best I've ever seen in my 25 years in the conference."

The '74 line may not have as many medal-winners, because even the coaches have a difficult time deciding who the stars are. Guard John Roush (245), a starter since the fifth game of his sophomore season, was the best in spring practice. Center Kyle Davis (6-4 and 23 pounds heavier at 245) is "close to Brahaney," Switzer says. Guard Terry Webb, the only junior of the group and who gained from 195 to 245 in two years without sacrificing his speed, may be the most talented. Tackle Jerry Arnold, who is about 30 pounds heavier than his listed weight of

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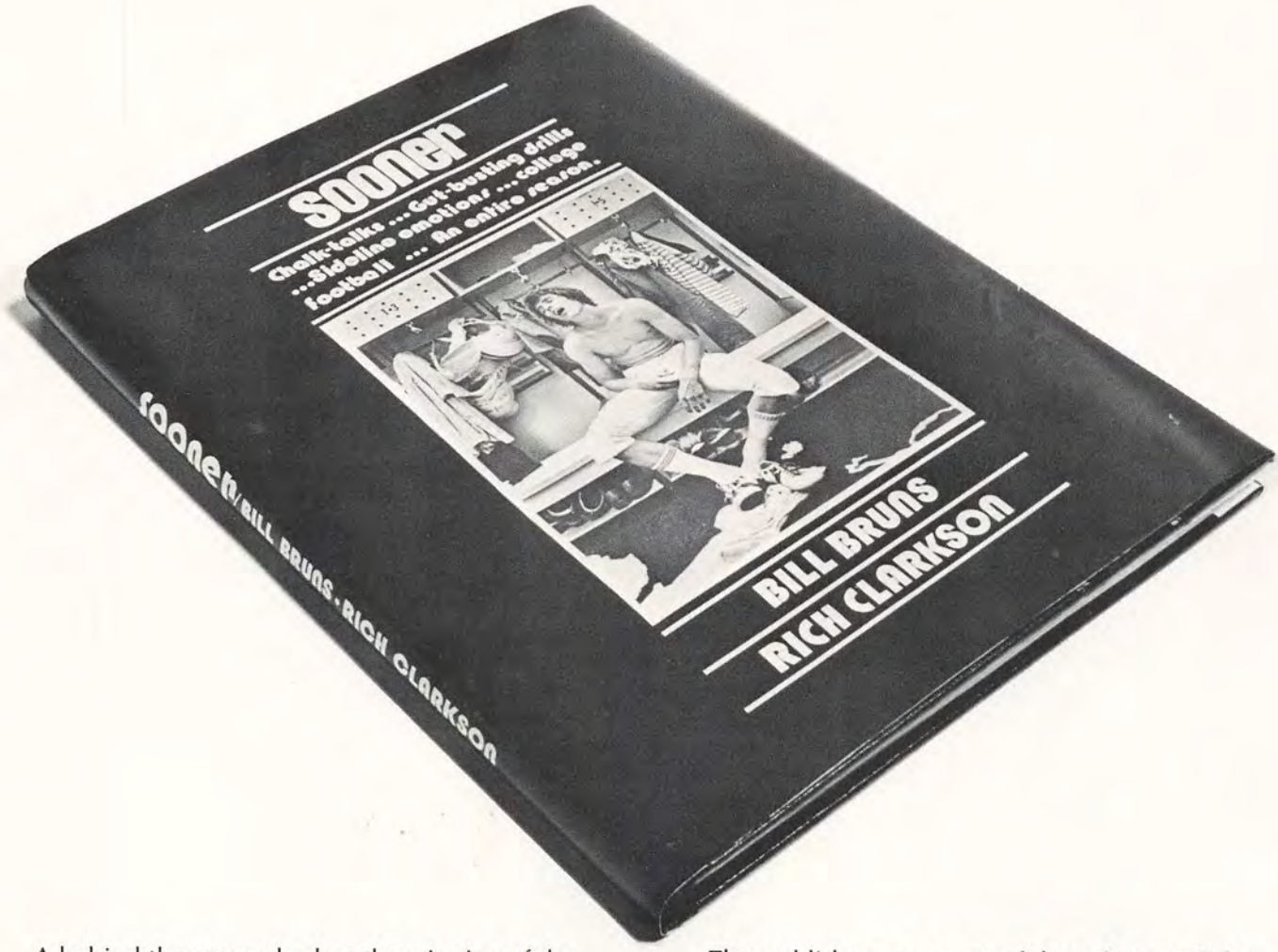
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Scores Will Be Settled Under Lincoln Skies

The only blemishes on the Husker's '73 season came at Columbia, Stillwater and Norman. This year the tables will be turned, as a different kind of hospitality awaits these "heavies" in Cornhusker Country.

By TOM ASH *Omaha World-Herald*

MONTE KIFFIN. Nebraska's defensive coordinator, was in his office a week after the Cornhuskers concluded spring practice, playing war games with his Xs and Os, or whatever fanatical defensive coaches do while impatiently waiting for fall camp to open.

A caller needled him about the 81 points scored in the spring game (the Reds defeated the Whites, 41-40).

"That's why I'm in the office," Kiffin cracked. "The offensive coaches are out playing golf."

The defensive picture for Nebraska this fall isn't as dismal as Kiffin pretends. It is on par with last year's squad, which was No. 14 nationally in total defense and No. 1 in defending against the pass, Kiffin said in a more serious moment.

The torrent of points in the spring game, Head Coach Tom Osborne said, was partly due to "rigging the game in favor of the offense." The defensive units were limited to one basic defense, and no stunting or blitzing was allowed.

So the defense should be sound. The offense?

"It's going to be a different offense, a more exciting offense, a quicker-hitting offense," promised enthused senior quarterback Dave Humm, who is preparing for his third season at the helm.

"We can be as good as Dave Humm runs," said tailback-turned fullback Tony Davis.

Judging strictly from Humm's sophomore-junior rushing statistics, Nebraska's offense could be in trouble with the quarterback burdened with Davis' statement. While setting Husker records as a passer the Las Vegas lefty accumulated a rushing total of minus 117 yards.

JOHN O'LEARY (14) heads a host of tailbacks who hold the key to Nebraska's fortunes in '74.

But he has tried desperately to shuck his golden arm, bad wheels image and has shown enough success signs that Husker faithfuls are permitting themselves some hopeful comparisons with the 1970 and 1971 national championship teams, led by pass-run quarterbacks Jerry Tagge and Van Brownson.

Only last fall, some disgruntled Nebraska boosters were clamoring for freshman quarterback Earl Everett, an excellent runner but questionable passer, when it became evident that Humm would be unable to direct the Huskers to the Big Eight championship for a second straight year.

But Humm left Everett and his other challengers far in his wake during spring drills.

Osborne had been saying all along that "Humm is tough, and he can run," but there were few believers outside the immediate family until the Cotton Bowl victory over Texas New Year's Day. Humm was the Husker's second leading rusher with six journeys for a 4.8-yard average.

So the 21,003 spring game fans were anxious to see if it was a fluke. Despite the abundance of scoring plays, two of the loudest cheers were bestowed on the veteran quarterback for non-scoring efforts.

He ran an option play to his left on third down and five, bounced off a linebacker, shook free from a cornerback and bounced up quickly with his first down after the safety man hit him so hard Humm's helmet popped off.

Later, he ran the option play, to his right, darted upfield, cut back across the field as if he had been running loose in defensive secondaries all his life and ended a 28-yard journey a yard from the goal line. He finished with six carries for 44 yards.

"I think this spring Dave found himself again as a runner," Osborne said. "You're always torn about how much to run your quarterback, but he will run this fall," Osborne promised.

"I lost my confidence in running with the UCLA game (his first start as a sophomore in a loss that ended a 32-game unbeaten streak). I had a real bad game that night," Humm said. "I was a pretty good runner until then."

"After that, everybody just regarded me as a passing quarterback, and I fell into the mold. Everybody's got an image."

"This year it was mandatory. I had to run. The other quarterbacks are all good runners, and they put a lot of pressure on me. I pushed myself more than I have in the past."

Fullback, Davis, who became only the third 1,000-yard runner in Nebraska history as a sophomore I-back last fall,

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confirmed that Humm has driven himself since last season ended.

"It's the hardest he ever worked in our winter work outs. And this spring he took a lot of licks. His ribs were hurting all spring, but he never missed a scrimmage.

"I don't think Dave felt he could be much of a leader as a sophomore and junior, but this year he's started to take over."

Humm downplays the leadership role.

"People throw that word 'leader' around pretty loosely," he said. "It's just a matter of gaining respect. I've had a lot of support from the other players."

"My running has just gone along with what everybody else has been doing. Everybody has had a great spring. I just feel like I'm more a part of the team when I'm running. I'm contributing more."

Davis said the other players "accepted the fact that Dave couldn't run. He was a great passer, so why not stick with what he does best?

"But he ran tough all spring, and if he can run this fall they (opponents) can't play the pass every time. If he can just run the option six or eight times, that's all it takes to make our offense go."

MARK HEYDORFF (22) politely "four-arms" Clark to the turf.

The switch of Davis to fullback has also given Nebraska more offensive versatility. The fullbacks averaged only nine carries a game in 1973, but Davis is expected to carry between 15 and 20 times, he said.

"I feel more comfortable at fullback than I did at I-back," Davis said. "It's a simple position. I can get to the line quicker, and the line doesn't have to hold their blocks at all. They just have to get in the way."

The fullback in Nebraska's attack must still be a superior blocker, and the Husker coaches say Davis is a natural for the position.

"I was worried about it at first. I didn't think I was big enough (205 pounds) to knock anybody down, but now I know I can block anybody. Well, there's one guy I can't block. That's Bob Nelson (Nebraska's 6-4, 235-pound weakside linebacker)."

Although Osborne revealed his new running quarterback and his new fullback in the spring game, he didn't show all of his offense for the benefit of the films that will be viewed by the coaches at Oregon, the opening opponent this fall.

Some new plays and new formations were held out, but Osborne has made no secret of the fact he likes some of the things Arizona State did last year while leading the nation in total offense at 565 yards per outing.

But the one thing Arizona State had that Nebraska lacked last fall was an abundance of speed. So the emphasis in recruiting last winter was on speed.

"I don't recall any 70 or 80-yard plays last year," Osborne said. "This is where we need the speed. It was apparent all year we didn't have it. It wasn't critical, but we would have liked to have some breakaway speed."

"We didn't have a Johnny Rodgers, and our scoring went down. And the Big Eight was better defensively. The Miami Dolphins wouldn't have scored 62 points against Missouri and 56 against Kansas last year like we did in 1972.

"When you start a drive 80 yards from the goal in this league you've got to have a big play for 30 or 40 yards or you don't make it. You just can't go that long against these defenses without making mistakes."

Nebraska is certain to again have a potent passing game with Humm (3,860 yards and 30 touchdowns) throwing to wingback Ritch Bahe, who had five more receptions last year than more celebrated split end Frosty Anderson.

Humm's targets at wide receiver will be 1973 sophomore backup Dave Shamblin, whom teammate Davis insists will be a record-holder when he graduates, and soph-to-be Bobby Thomas, who showed potential as a kick returner in the spring and who, more exhuberant fans claim, owns some of the running characteristics that won the Heisman Trophy for Johnny Rodgers.

Nebraska is looking for its breakaway threat in Thomas or wingback Don Westbrook, who drew heavy praise from his coaches for his spring work, and the tailbacks.

Junior John O'Leary, who started some games at the main running back post, last year and finished second to Davis in rushing with 344 yards and a 4.5-yard average, will open fall drill even with senior Jeff Moran, who had a standout sophomore season and has apparently rebounded after a disappointing junior year.

How does former I-back Davis assess his replacements?

"They're both better I-backs. They're more elusive than me," Davis said. "Jeff is starting to play up to his potential. He's a good, hard runner."

"There aren't many runners in the nation as good as John O'Leary. He started out slow in the spring because he thought he had it made. But then he realized he didn't, and he really came on at the end."

"We might have four rushers over 800 yards this year," said the optimistic junior fullback. "That's a whole lot better than one guy over 1,000. Nobody on this team cares about individual honors."

"This team is hungry for a championship. We haven't had one in two years. The main reason we're going to have a good offense this year is the offensive line (tackles Mark Doak and Marvin Crenshaw, guards Stan Hegener and Tom Alward, center Rik Bonness and tight end Larry Mushinskie.)

"There are a lot of five-year guys on that line. We've got a lot of experience, and they all had a fantastic spring," Humm said. "And we've got the best center (junior Bonneso) in the nation," Davis added.

Tight end Mushinskie "declared himself like Humm," Osborne said. "He was quite a bit better than the others" in spring drills."

If Nebraska has any problems they are in the defensive line. Middle guard is the position of greatest concern, and

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Tiger Architect Abandons Aging Blueprints

What other team in the Big Eight will guarantee a "double header" every Saturday. . . on a 60-yard football field?!

By BILL BECK *Sports-Post Dispatch*

FOOTBALL IS GOING TO BE a brand new game at University of Missouri this fall. Coach Al Onofrio has shortened the field to only 60 yards and he is going to play a doubleheader every Saturday. At least, that is the imagery he hopes to implant with his squad.

And other Big Eight coaches had better get set for new readouts when they punch the Onofrio button on their computers. There is no guarantee they'll be looking at power offtackle or a leadblock option when they get the Tigers in a bind.

It all goes back to a dark moment of the better-than-expected 8-4 season of 1973 —a17-7 defeat by Iowa State in November. Chris Hoskins, third string tailback, threw a pass to Jim Sharp, wide receiver, for Missouri's only touchdown.

Onofrio was not ashamed to admit that Hoskins had not practiced the play, was not supposed to be in the game and threw to the wrong receiver.

"It just goes to prove," the coach said afterward, "that you can't plan everything. You've got to leave something for the football players."

The incident inspired Onofrio to hope that he can make football more fun for the Tigers—especially the offense—this season. It also made him consider the possibility that he and his staff may have been guilty of "overcoaching" in a grim stretch when their surprise team lost four of its last five 1973 regular season games.

With only four returning starters on an offense that sputtered, backfired and almost clanked to a halt late last season, how does Onofrio propose a brighter 1974?

"We're going to convince our players that the football field is 60 yards long," he said. "We're going to make the other team's 40 our first goal line. That's our four-down territory and whether it's a field goal or what, we're going to get points out of it."

"That means when we're on our 20, we only have 40 yards to go. When we're on our 40, we got 20 to go. When we're backed up, we're going to get the big play and if we don't get it running, we'll get it passing."

"We aren't going to wait for it, we're going to attack aggressively with our passing. We're going to throw 20-26 passes as part of our committed game plans." (Mizzou averaged 14 passes—6 completions—last fall.)

"And we're committed to the streak (bomb). We're going to throw seven or eight streaks every game and it won't be wasting downs. If it's a completion, we've got a big play. If it isn't, they're (the enemy) going to see enough of it so they have to respect it. We've got the speed and the hands on the flanks to do it."

"They (the other team) are going to have to give help to that weakside corner and when they take a man out of their defense to do it, we aren't much of a football team if we can't do something inside."

"When we're in our own end of the field, we're going to do anything we have to do to get out. We're going to have balance and they are going to know we have balance."

So much for the first half of Missouri's weekly doubleheader. How about the second?

"After we've reached that first goal line (the 40)," said Onofrio, "we want three yards a crack. We only need 2 1/2 because that's four-down turf. That doesn't mean we're going into a shell and not pass. We aren't going to be conservative. We're going to be patient. We've got class people with ability and I know they can get this done."

"And it's funny about that. When you're looking for three or four yards and moving the football, that's when big plays are easy to get. They just happen. It's when everybody in the Stadium is looking for the big play that they come hard."

So that's the second game of the doubleheader.

Onofrio rarely mentions the defense these days. He doesn't have to. With only All-America John Moseley missing from the respectable 1973 crew that was embarrassed only once—by Oklahoma 31-3-the Tigers would fare pretty well even if the football field were only 60 yards long.

Here is the demanding assignment Onofrio has handed his defenders:

"I am depending on our defense—and I hope to hell they do it—to keep the other team in check early so our

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TONY GILLICK (11) has moved to safety and become a real "hawk" in the Missouri secondary.

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offense has time to get going. You know, the kind of thing a good defense always does—like Oklahoma's did last year. Prevent the early touchdown," said the coach.

"If our defense does that, we can have the patience to play our own game and in the end, limit the other guy's options. In the end, he'll have to come at us only one way. I don't know if we'll be that good, but we ought to be."

Onofrio's preoccupation with the offense runs deeper than the fact that the only season-long starters who return are fullback Ray Bybee, halfback Bill Ziegler and guards Don Buck and co-captain Steve Sadich. This would seem to put a severe question mark to his dream of controlling the ball from the 40 yard line into paydirt.

He rejects the word severe because offensively, the Tigers have no place to go but up. In the Big Eight last fall, they were last in total offense, last in passing and next to last in rushing.

"Severe is too strong a word because we have good football players," said the coach. "The only thing good football players need to become complete football players is experience and the only way they get experience is by playing."

He is convinced he must prevent a reoccurance of the wooden intensity that seemed to afflict the Missouri offense late last aseason until it broke out with a 34-17 victory over Auburn in the Sun Bowl.

"Our big disappointment was in not doing the things we were capable of doing," he said. "If we had done them, we would have been 10-1 and there is no doubt in my mind about that."

"Even as we won the first six games, we had poor execution—bad handoffs, motion penalties. I know the object of the game is win, but I couldn't feel happy about it."

"Yet the more we worked on the errors—talked about them—the worse they got. We couldn't even get through a 40-minute drill wlthout having several. The players were thinking so much about errors they couldn't help making them."

Offensively, this was one of our most frustrating seasons at Missouri.

"Then we had two weeks off before starting practice for the Sun Bowl. That refreshed us. When the players came back, they had their first error-free practice of the year. Then they had an almost error-free Sun Bowl."

"That's why I say we may have been guilty of overcoaching. We aren't going to do it again. We are going to finish our work on techniques and fundamentals this fall before the first game. Then we're not going to talk about it."

"You can't force it. You can do the things necessary to correct errors without talking about them all the time."

Onofrio wishes he had a name for the kind of offense he wants.

"I won't say wide-open," he muttered, "because we aren't going to fill the air with passes. I want . . ."

Disciplined abandon? Damn the torpedoes? He said he wants the defense to be "reckless."

"But I can't apply that word to offense," he said, because your offense can't be reckless."

Missouri will provide one of the most intriguing battles in the Big Eight this fall as senior Ray Smith and redshirt sophomore Steve Pisarkiewicz contend for the starting quarterback job.

Smith, a 6-foot-2, 205-pounder from Santa Maria, California, ousted two-year starter John Cherry from the post in the final game last season and did only a pedestrian job in a 14-13 loss to Kansas. But in the Sun Bowl romp, he was super.

Last year, he was sure on the handoff, clumsy with his pitches, dangerous as a runner and no ball of fire as a passer. For instance, in his two starts, he completed 13 of 27 passes for 156 yards and suffered two interceptions.

But Smith can pass. He has a strong arm and as a star at Allan Hancock Junior College back home, he passed for 2712 yards and 22 touchdowns in two seasons.

This spring, Smith looked 30 per cent improved, especially in the pitch and poise department.

Pisarkiewicz, a 6-4, 215-pounder from suburban St. Louis has an exceptional arm, both strong and quick. With Smith apparently headed for an easy victory at the helm of the Blacks in Mizzou's spring game, Zark came in early in the second quarter to turn it into a 17-13 triumph for the Golds and win the accolade, "most outstanding back."

He threw the hooks, outs and bombs with equal skill and he wasn't sacked once despite the fact he was protected by third and fourth string linemen. His arm was just too quick for the rush.

Zark is a ponderous runner but he can run. Thus Onofrio contends he has two "complete" quarterbacks and he is committed to using them both. He has no other choice.

"I made a commitment last spring when I saw that we had two excellent quarterbacks. They are both going to play and I don't mean play if something happens to the other one. We will be precommitted to them both. It will be in our game plan. am going to start my senior (Smith) because he has been there. If he doesn't move the team on the first couple of possessions, it doesn't mean I'm going to bring in Pisarkiewicz. Nor does it mean I'll go quarter-by-quarter. Certainly, I'm not going to pull Smith if he's in the middle of a drive just because the first quarter ends."

"Or, if Smith takes the team in for a score, I won't have the slightest reservation about sending Zark in the next time we get the ball, whether the quarter is over or not."

"The main thing I want to establish is that neither player thinks the reason he is pulled is because he made an error or the reason he is sent in is because he's won the job. I know in my own mind what I am going to do."

"They are so different they complement each other. Yet, each can use our power-I to advantage, but in a different way. A lot of teams have been successful with two quarterbacks— Alabama and LSU, to name a couple. Nebraska won a national championship (1970) using two."

"I know one quarterback is best. But I want both types to understand this won't be a snap decision. You play both of them. Then over the long haul, however many games it takes, we'll ovaluate them on a percentage basis. When one is clearly superior, he'll get the job and the other will understand. And, we'll still have occasion to play both of them."

Missouri's offense will be a shade different in that it will show two wide receivers more often than last year. Quarterback coach Bob Warmack, receiver coach Dick Jamieson and backfield coach Charley Cowdrey will tell you the Tigers spent more time on passing drills in the spring than has been their habit.

Although tailbacks Tommy Reamon and Leroy Moss graduated, Mizzou is, if anything deeper in backs than last year.

Bybee, who led Tiger rushers with a

TONY GALBREATH, a 6-1, 227 pound junior college fullback let it be known in the Spring game that the Tigers will have depth behind Bybee.

62.6 average per game last year, heads a quartet of promising fullbacks. The 200-pound senior from East Moline, Ill, who was most-valuable back in the Sun Bowl, has the advantage of being able to reach full speed in one step.

Tony Galbreath, 227-pound transfer from Fort Scott, Kansas) Junior College, the NJCAA's champion rusher of 1973, is faster and stronger but needs two steps to get going. Then there is redshirt soph Mike Hopkins, 212, of Jefferson City, Mo., and Annise Davis, 205-pound speedster off the freshman team from Malden, Mo.

Bill Ziegler, perhaps Mizzou's best all-round football player, switches from slotback where he was a thunderous blocker, to No. 1 tailback, where he starred as a freshman. The 204-pounder can do everything, including pass, but he isn't as fast as Jornel Williams, the 191-pound fellow St. Louisan who is his backup. Williams is a sophomore. Hoskins, with 6.2 speed an the 60, remains No. 3 as a 205-pound junior. Chicago sophomore Steve Mally (202), California junior Randy Grossart (178) and senior Rick Cook (197) are the slotbacks with Cook's ability as a hard-nosed blocker likely to get him in the game against goalline defenses.

It would be nice if at this juncture readers of The Big Eight could be supplied with a list of 40-yard clockings so the potential of these backs could be more definitely appraised.

But Mizzou has not seriously timed its players since the spring of 1968 when James Harrison, a 237-pound fullback, pulled a muscle and was virtually wasted his three varsity years as a collegian. He didn't fully recover until last year with the Chicago Bears.

The Missouri coaches tried a careful clocking last spring but only after an enervating practice and along with a stern admonishment that nobody push himself. Resulting times, were not really indicative. For instance, Galbreath who appears to be greased lightening, turned a horrid 4.9 seconds, meaning he would run second to most Big Eight a tackles.

Where the question is really ''at'' for Mizzou is up front. Line coach John Kadlec must rebuild around guards Sadih and Buck.

''On paper,'' said Kadlec, ''we look like just average, at guard, we're as good or better than last year. After all, Sadich and Buck have to be at least as good as they were and the came on strong. ''

''At center, we don't have a Scott Anderson graduated All-America) and I'd say we're only 70 per cent as strong at tackle. But we've got some good football players. We'll have size—we go from 230 up—and range. We've got people who want to play and are smart.''

''But our No. 1 against No. 1 spring really helped. We came fast. I got mad at first then I saw my freshman and sophomores getting knocked around by those No. 1 varsity defensive players. Then, all at once, my guys began to grade pretty good. Yearian and Carr really came along.''

Joe Yearian, a 6-3, 238-pound freshman from Woolridge, Ill., and Bob Carr, a 6-4, 245-pound junior squadman from Kansas City, won the wide open race at tackle. Their tasks were made easier because of early injuries to

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A Handfull of Points from the Summit . . . or the Cellar

Let the timorous beware. The '74 season has all the trappings of another nail-biter. . . right down to a holiday bowl bid.

By **BOB HENTZEN** *Topeka Capital-Journal*

DON FAMBROUGH ACQUIRED his ulcer some 20 years ago. The gray hairs also started appearing back when he was an assistant coach. "So, there was nothing that could happen to me," said the Kansas coach.

He was referring to the 1973 season when the Jayhawks put their fans and coaches through an emotional wringer nearly every Saturday. Kansas seemed to spend the final minutes either (1) clinging by its fingernails to preserve a victory or (2) waiting for David Jaynes to perform a miracle offensively to pull one out of the coals.

But it was fun, yes it was. The Jayhawks, a preseason choice to finish on or near the bottom of the Big Eight, wound up in a tie for second place and in the Liberty Bowl.

Funny thing, but they were only a handfull of points away from losing every conference game. Their victory margins were seven (Kansas State), two (Iowa State), two (Colorado) and one (Missouri). The Oklahoma State was a tie. But they experienced the heartbreak side of the coin, too—losing by one twice (Tennessee and Nebraska).

All of that, of course, is just record book fodder heading into the 1974 campaign. The important question is whether Kansas' 1973 success was a one-shot thing.

Fambrough doesn't think so. In fact, he's darn sure KU can be a first-division and bowl team again.

"Personally, I feel we have a better football team," he said after spring drills. "Whether we win that many games or not, I don't know. A lot of 'em last year were decided in the last few minutes. We lost some that way and we won some that way. But in this type of competition, you've got to expect that. After last year, the kids have more confidence in what they can do. Certainly the experience won't hurt us."

Kansas returns 14 starters split evenly between the two platoons. But it won't be the same type of team offensively. Jaynes has gone to the Kansas City Chiefs and the last-minute strike capability probably went with him. The spring was spent installing the Houston veer-T to replace the pro-style attack designed to get the most out of Jaynes' golden arm.

Not by coincidence, the new offensive coordinator is Bobby Baldwin from the Houston staff. "He'd been there 10 or 11 years and helped install the veer offense," Fambrough pointed out. "He knows it as good as anybody, both the strong points and the weaknesses."

Remember, the Jayhawks showed dramatic improvements defensively last year when they learned the five-man front from a coach who had been teaching it—Jim Dickey, off the Oklahoma staff. It was a defense that sometimes bent, but there usually was a turnover around the corner to relieve the pressure. The 1973 Hawks intercepted 25 passes and recovered 27 fumbles in 11 regular-season games.

Defense, that's the reason Fambrough feels so confident about the immediate future.

"I feel it's the strong point of our football team," he said. "We lost three starters, so we've got quite a bit coming back, plus some young players. We have more depth on defense than any team here in a long time."

"It has size and speed and I personally feel the defensive team will rank with some of the best anywhere. I believe all coaches feel the same way: you're gonna win on defense."

He pointed out that the Kansas program, shy on numbers in recent years, now has enough quality athletes to afford the luxury of stationing some of the best on defense.

"We'd have had Nolan Cromwell (the freshman who emerged as the reg-

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EMMETT EDWARDS (46) led the Big 8 with 49 receptions for 802 yards in 1973. Kansas must find a new flame thrower to match this pace.

ular safety) on offense two or three years ago,'' Fambrough explained. ''All the kids in the secondary are big, can run and are good athletes.''

He was referring to the likes of Cromwell (6-2, 190), all-Big Eight cornerback Kurt Knoff (6-3, 190) and cornerman Steve Taylor (6-4, 207, 4.6 speed for the 40). Knoff wasn't timed in the 40 this past spring because he was playing baseball. Eddie Lewis (6-0, 170) is another burner in the secondary, spending the spring as a member of KU's potent 440 team on the relays circuit.

Not by a long way is that the secondary cast. Rick Mudge, who served as the fifth defensive back in passing situations, returns and Steve Rus and Bob Spear satisfied Fambrough in the spring that they can play.

''With a year's experience, this has gotta be one of the strong points of the football team,'' he said, ''and practically all those kids are sophomores and juniors.''

Except for knee question marks, the linebacking corps would appear as solid. Steve Towle (6-3, 234, 4.9) has always looked like an All-American to be, but a knee wiped him out late last season. Towle, who has had knee surgery before, avoided it this time.

Not so lucky were Odell Weidner, hurt against Oklahoma State, and Dean Baird, hurt in the Liberty Bowl. They were cut on. Weidner was held out of spring contact and Baird didn't play at all. That gave Don Pile a chance and Fambrough said his play was ''one of the highlights of spring practice; he did everything.''

There is one more potential knee problem. Giant tackle Fedro Dillon, like Baird, was carried off in the Liberty Bowl with a bad one. ''Right after the operation, the doctors were not too optimistic,'' reported Fambrough. ''But now they feel he can come back and play without any problems.''

Regardless, the three other tackles are available and Fambrough believes the position is a strong one. They are 6-6, 225-pound sophomore Mike Butler, 6-3, 238-pound sophomore Terry Beeson and 6-3, 243-pound senior Paul Van Saun. Beeson, as a freshman, saw action at end, noseguard and tackle and he also has high school experience at linebacker. Fambrough sees him as a handy guy to have around if injury problems crop up.

Ends? The Jayhawks have dandies in Dean Zook (6-2, 203, 4.8), who blossomed into one of the Big Eight's finest as a sophomore, and Jeff Turner (6-4, 235, 4.7), who played behind Don Goode last year.

''Zook is a real coach's football player,'' said Fambrough of the brother of the Atlanta Falcons star (John). ''He does everything exactly the way we want it done. Turner is big, fast and very physical, but he's not as consistent as Zook.'' Les Barnes and Rick Kovatch back them.

Ranking with Knoff, Towle and Zook as possible all league defenders is noseguard Mike Lemon (6-3, 213, 4.7). ''He really had a fine year,'' appraised Fambrough. ''Of course, you'd like to have a bigger man, but he has two things you look for in a noseguard —quickness and a guy who never gives up.'' John Scanlan, who looms as Lemon's relief, sustained a knee injury (no surgery) the second day of spring drills.

''We can put two good defensive teams on the field,'' said Fambrough, ''but we don't have the depth offensive unit, maybe 1 1/2. But we do need depth, especially in the line, and we've got to come up with at least one other running back.

The offense starts with the quarterback and the Jayhawks probably will go with a man who didn't play a down last season. Scott McMichael (6-3, 187, 4.9) suffered a broken collarbone the week before the 1973 opener and eventually was redshirted as Jaynes remained healthy.

''He had an excellent spring, right up until the spring game (a lack-lustre 8-7 affair),'' said Fambrough, ''but he really didn't perform that badly then.''

''He has adjusted to the new offense real well. He can do the things that are required. He's big, strong and can run and throw. One of the most important things is the decisions an option quarterback has to make—whether to handoff, keep or pitch. He shows good judgements.''

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RANDY ROSS (17) challenges the Buffs and Kansas came away with a sweet 17-15 victory.

ROBERT MILLER (32) is an underrated fullback who must now pick up the Jayhawk attack in Delvin William's absence.

THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER

The Buff's high octane attack contrasts an acute defensive fuel shortage. But knowledgeable "outsiders" predict Mallory will finish no lower than fourth in his Big 8 debute. A brutal early schedule holds the key.

By DAN CREEDON *Boulder Camera*

WHEN BILL MALLORY STOOD UP shortly after the close of spring practice at the University of Colorado to introduce his coaching staff to a booster group in Boulder, the man who made a name for himself at Miami University (Ohio) as a defensive genius, began by saying:

"I'm going to introduce our offensive coaches first, because they did a little better (than the defense) in our spring game."

The brief introductory comment by Mallory tells a great deal about his own hopes, expectations and fears with the first Colorado football team he will guide in the Big Eight conference.

In short, Colorado's offense is still miles ahead of Colorado's defense, with only the pre-season drills left before Mallory and Co., take off on perhaps the most difficult schedule in the country. A schedule that sends Mallory's Buffs to Louisiana State and Michigan on the first two Saturdays of the season, for openers.

"When I look back to where we were at the start of spring ball in early April, we've made a lot of progress," Mallory assessed after his players had headed home for summer vacations. "But we're not there yet by any means. We have to get better and better in the two and one-half weeks we have left in the fall," he says, his voice inflection raising on each word. "And we have to get all our people healthy, especially on defense."

Mallory's initial spring with the Colorado squad was marred only by injuries that took folks like defensive tackle Jeff Turcotte, defensive end Mike Metoyer and linebackers Jeff Geiser, Ed Shoen and Bobby Hunt off the playing field for all or nearly all of the 20 days of practice.

"We still have a long way to go defensively," continues Mallory, who is rebuilding with his style of "50" defense a unit ravaged by Oklahoma and Oklahoma State "Wishbones" a year ago and the bottom team on practically every Big Eight statistical line on defense in 1973.

"We have to get a full year out of Turcotte, a full year out of Geiser and as much help as possible from Eddie Shoen and Bobby Hunt."

"We're a different football team without Geiser (6-2, 213-pound open-side linebacker) in the game," Mallory says. "He's the hub of our defense! he calls the signals, is an excellent player and his presence out there gives our entire defensive unit more confidence."

"Even if I have to put him out there in a wheelchair, we're going to get a year out of Turcotte," insists Mallory, who is well acquainted with the 6-5, 255-pound Canadian's medical past, which is extensive. Although a senior in terms of eligibility, the Ottawa, Ontario native is probably not any more advanced in terms of actual college football playing time than a good many players halfway through their sophomore year.

A jammed knee cap that required surgery kept Turcotte out the entire spring. And, less than 24 hours before Mallory decreed the aggressive youngster would be healthy in '74,, Turcotte was trapped inside a jeep which was tumbling down a mountain road out of control. Luckily, for Turcotte and the Colorado football program, the harrowing ride didn't do much more than badly shred the cast on his injured right knee. Color Turcotte snake-bit and QUESTIONABLE."

Geiser's late-spring problem—a jammed neck—did not seem serious, but like most of CU's linebacking crew he does have a history of nuisance-type injuries.

Shoen (knee) and Hunt (back disc) both have been starters at one time or another in the past and have made for far more than on their share of big plays, though neither has outstanding size.

Any marked improvement in the CU defense must come in two basic areas–down linemen (two tackles and nose guard) and the linebacking bunch under which you must also include the two defensive ends who figure prominently in the coverage.

Geiser would seem set at one linebacking position. And the young guy to watch on the other side is Gary Campbell, a super aggressive type individual who made a name for himself as a sophomore two years ago by barreling 46 yards for the first touchdown in the Buffs' 20-14 upset of Oklahoma two years ago in Boulder.

Last fall, Eddie Crowder and his

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DAVID WILLIAMS (12) emerged from the Spring as one of the Big 8's most exciting quarterbacks. . . as if the Buffs weren't already loaded on offense!

staff, desperate for defensive help, made a linebacker out of tailback Campbell, who would seem to have what coaches like to call "the right temperament for defense." It's a move they were often second guessed for, but with Charlie Davis and Billy Waddy rushing for nearly 1,300 yards from the tailback spot in '73, Campbell was not missed there.

What he needed, to learn his new position, was a redshirt year and then the complete off-season and spring as a linebacker. Mallory candidly admits he and his staff spent a great deal of time plotting Campbell's future. "We've had more people ask us about Gary Campbell than any other player in the program," Mallory admits. "We gave some consideration to moving him back on offense, but it would have been to fullback. He doesn't have the blazing speed (Campbell's 40 time is 4.8) of some of our other tailbacks. I think we need Gary as a linebacker. We have five 'backers (sophomore Bart Roth, Campbell and the three seniors) and I honestly feel we'll need them all in the fall, especially if they start falling as fast as they did in the spring. (Only Campbell went the entire spring without an injury.)"

While there is a genuine concern from Mallory in all areas of the defense, knowledgeable football folks who watched his defense at Miami the past five years says CU followers can quit worrying. "I don't know a thing about the defensive people coming back at Colorado," one midwest pro scout said, "But I'd be willing to bet Colorado isn't anything worse than third defensively in the Big Eight next fall. He (Mallory) is a defensive genius."

Colorados's offense, meanwhile, probably needs no miracle worker. Just steady improvement from what a year ago was basically a young offensive unit, although names like Bo Matthews, J.V. Cain, Charlie Davis, and Greg Horton (all drafted by early in the NFL's third round) made it seem otherwise.

Offensive plusses? — An experienced offensive line averaging 6-4 by 244 pounds. — An excellent receiving corps headed by all-American candidate David Logan, who is perhaps the league's most versatile athlete (some folks might vote such an honor to Kansas' Kurt Knoff). A quarterback David Williams with the same potential, in Mallory's estimation, to become a superstar. —Two-deep runners in terms of quality at both tailback and fullback, with sophomore tailback Billy Waddy (551 yards and 5.4 average gain as a freshman) perhaps as good a young rusher as there is in the midlands.

Williams, who played enough as a "green" sophomore (injuries had hampered his development almost continually as a freshman) to put the ball into play 119 times (64 rushes and 55 passes), appeared to progress in the spring more than any other Buff player.

"I don't ever believe a player remains stationary," explains Mallory. "He either improves or slides back. In David's case, I felt he made progress each and every practice. Nothing Williams did really surprised us, because I feel he has unlimited potential. I was around Rex Kern for two years at Ohio State, but David Williams can do more things." A 4.6 sprinter in the 40, Williams has the ability to turn the broken play into the scoring play. His greatest improvement during his first spring under Mallory appeared to come in the areas of his own self-confidence and as a passer. Only a 40 per cent (accuracy) thrower as a sophomore, Williams was well over 50 per cent in every spring scrimmage.

Except for Peter Brock, a 6-4, 241-pound junior who backed up William McDonald the last two years at center, and perhaps red-shirt junior Terry Kunz (at fullback), Colorado's quarterback will be surrounded by an entire cast of players with starting experience.

Despite Williams' fine spring, Mallory isn't forgetting Clyde Crutchmer, last year's starter in all 11 games who lost some ground in the spring when he had to have surgery for a bone chip left from an old prep injury in his right foot.

"I saw enough of Crutchmer in the three weeks we had him to know he can play for us," the new CU coach says. "We knew the foot was hurting him, but I thought the second week we were out, Crutchmer had an exceptional week of practice. He strives for perfection on every play. He's a winner."

As a sophomore, the nimble Okmulgee, Oklahoma, native completed 56.2 per cent of his passes (50-for-89) and averaged better than eight yards per attempt. He also had the three different injuries that caused him to miss parts of five conference games.

Mallory, who alternated two quarterbacks (one primarily a runner and the other basically a thrower) in his 11-0-0 season at Miami last fall, hopes he'll have depth beyond Williams and Crutchmer at quarterback. And he's looking mostly at sophomores Blake Arnold and Tom Tesone, both of whom had to have surgery last fall as frosh team members. Tesone (knee) was particularly slow in recovering and missed almost all the contact in the spring. The most heralded prep in Colorado two years ago when CU won him away from Texas, Tesone appears likely to get first shot at the number three spot. "He (Tesone) certainly has the ability," says Mallory. "If he's okay in the fall, we'll want to work him in there. And, right now, I'd have to rate Blake Arnold (the son of former OU quarterback great Claude Arnold) in our top four." Arnold played in the spring game with a broken thumb. "He (Arnold) reminds me a lot of Crutchmer," offers the CU coach.

Mallory's first Colorado team will run from the "I- and this CU outfit would appear to have the depth necessary at tailback to fit the battle scheme. At Miami, Bob Hitchens, Mallory's regular tailback the last three years, averaged over 25 carries per game. If Waddy, who showed in the spring he has cured himself of a fumbling problem he had as a freshman, can't take that much of a pounding and remain fresh he won't have to do so. Melvin Johnson, a legitimate :09.3 sprinter for the 100 as a prep in Houma, Louisiana, and a fine performer early last fall before Waddy surpassed him, had an excellent spring and will go into the fall considered on a par with Waddy.

Two other sophs who played strictly with the frosh last fall, Terry Dahlberg, a former prep hurdles champion in Colorado, and Ray Barrs, a heralded Albuquerque, N.M., product who spent a good deal of his frosh year as a fullback, also intrigues Mallory at tailback. The CU staff experimented with Dahlberg as first a defensive back and then a wingback, before returning him to tailback late in the spring. "We tried Terry elsewhere because we were trying to spread the talent around," Mallory explained, "but he belongs at tailback. He doesn't have the game-breaking speed (but does hold that Colorado prep record in the 120 highs of :13.9) of Johnson or Waddy, but he's a slicing type of runner and very effec-

CLYDE CRUTCHMER (10) now is facing a reserve role after starting all 11 games at quarterback last year. But what a sophomore year! He completed 56% of his passes and averaged better than eight yards per attempt.

tive. He'll play for us in the fall.''

Neither Kunz, long frustrated by the presence of Matthews, nor Kelleher are as spectacular as Matthews, but Mallory seems satisfied with both his junior fullbacks.

Kunz, it's worth remembering now that he is about to finally get his shot at CU, was the most highly sought prep football player in the state of Colorado coming out of Wheat Ridge High School in 1971. In other words, he was as actively sought, as say, David Logan in 1972, Tom Tesone in 1973 and Jeff Knapple and Terry Miller in 1974. Like Campbell, Kunz had a brief trial as a linebacker (as a sophomore) and he even talked at length of transferring (to Colorado State U.) before deciding to sit out the '73 season so he would have two years of eligibility remaining when Matthews departed. ''I don't know anything about the past problems Terry might have had,'' explain Mallory, ''but he did everything we asked of him and improved each practice in the spring.'' Kelleher (severe groin muscle pull) was hobbled much of the spring.

A pleasant problem for Mallory is finding ways to make more use of the 6-foot-5 Logan, who began his summer with a basketball trip to Yugoslavia with the Big Eight all-star team and later pitched semi-pro baseball concentrating on football. As a sophomore, Logan averaged better than 15 yards each time he touched the football as a receiver, runner and punt returner. ''Yes, we definitely want to get the football in Logan's hands more,'' admits Mallory, who remains coy about the specifics, although it's rather obvious the rangy redhead is going to tote the football from scrimmage more than on the four end-around plays he had a year ago. ''Logan's an amazing athlete. You should see some of the grabs he makes in our third-and-eight drills,'' adds the CU coach. ''I expect Logan and Steve Haggerty (split end and the

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POKES AS FIT AS THEIR

Only a quarterback come-through separates the Cowboys from the first division.

By BOB HURT *Daily Oklahoman*

IT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 24, 1973. Iowa State quarterback Buddy Hardeman shot through the Oklahoma State line and into the open. Pursuers were left behind. Only chalk stripes were ahead as he sped past the O-State bench, where excitement and disappointment mingled.

"Get him, get him," yelled the O-State bench.

"So, I got him," said S.L. Stephens. Bounding from the bench, the offensive line sub tackled the startled Hardeman.

He got him all right. But Iowa State got a touchdown. Stephens got a reprimand—and a reputation as the 12th man on OSU's defense.

This year Stephens plans to leave the defending to the defenders. "Our 5-2 defense can stop 'em," he said. "My effort won't be needed."

Once into the subject of the upcoming season, Stephens couldn't be stopped: "Our defense is rock solid. Them cats can play. And our offense never reached full potential in the spring. Man, I'll tell you, I got this feeling we gonna win the Big Eight."

As witnessed by the Iowa State game, Stephens sometimes gets carried away. In the interest of objectivity, it should be noted his rosy forecast is a minority opinion. Few outside Stillwater think of the Cowpokes in title terms.

Most certified grid guessers will, in fact, relegate OSU to the second division. Only one Big Eight team, Kansas State, returns fewer starters. OSU returns 10. But, there are extenuating circumstances. Available are six other players who started at times as well as more who saw considerable action. Realistically, the Cowpokes could approach last year's 5-4-2 record. To better it, they would need a super performance from a neophyte quarterback and they would need to plug a gaping hole at tight end.

Graduation left O-State starless. Gone are such three-year luminaries as All-American linebacker Cleveland Vann, quarterback Brent Blackman tight end Reuben Gant and noseguard Barry Price.

That's not to say stars won't develop. The Cowpokes have "potentials" in such established performers as tackle Tom Wolf, fullback George Palmer and halfback Leonard Thompson on offense. Defensively, they can point to linebacker Jesse Hudson, tackle Calvin Miller, guard Carl Devorce and corner back Mike Terry.

Yet, the Cowpoke braintrust seems to have promoted the no-star concept. Emphasis is on togetherness, unity and helping one another.

Said linebacker Ray Ennis: "We've got faith in each other. We know if one guy messes up, the other will take over. That's something we haven't had around here in several years."

Or, let's take Wolf, for example. Not too many defenders can. He's 6-5, weighs 244 and has started 18 straight games. He grades almost as high on game film as he does in the classroom, where he has a 3.76 average in premed.

"Our theme is to play as strong as we can as a team," he said. "This is a more emotional team than I've been around."

Epitome of the team player is Devorce (6-1, 235). In a 38-6 rout of Arkansas, he probably played better than anyone on the field as a tackle. He prefers being a tackle but he's moving to nose guard where his 4.9 speed (in the 40 yard dash) will be useful

"This team is together," he said. "It's not conscious. It's something inside you, something you feel. We always have a crowd around the ball. We don't have the one individual to do it by himself so everybody helps. Last year, we had ol' Vann. He didn't need a lot of help."

OK, so the Cowpokes are emotional. And they are together. That can be useful but, realistically we can't assume the opposition won't also be emotional and together. So, perhaps we should depart from the intangibles and get down to the tangibles.

Most tangible, in the spring, was the defense. It was here the most progress was made. Maybe, there was more room for it. Five starters departed. So did defensive coordinator Bum Phillips, who holds the same position with the Houston Oilers.

Lance Van Zandt replaced him. Van Zandt's specific responsibility is the defensive backs, three of whom departed. Returning are Terry and Reggie Pierson, who shared a cornerback spot a year ago. Along with Bob Shephard, a two year letterman who was hurt in the spring, they provide a nucleus. Sophs Joe Avanzini (6-2, 190) andKent Shirley (6-1, 181) have stepped front and center at the safety positions.

A late-blooming junior college transfer, Darnell Meyers, nearly shoved Shirley out of the free safety spot. Coach Jim Stanley was particularly high on him and "his great range."

Of the deep defenders, Avanzini is the slowest— and he runs 4.8. And, how fast can Meyers run?

"Just as fast as he wants to," replied Stanley. That translates to 4.6.

Hudson (6-2, 228) and Brent Robinson (6-0, 198) are likely starting linebackers. They're backed by Marcellous

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CHARLIE WEATHERBIE ripped the vaunted Sooner defense as a mere frosh and vowed the Sooners had taken its last Cowboy scalp.

FAIR 'Weather' WISHBONE

Mitchell (6-0, 190), a juco transfer who was hurt last year, and John Weimer (6-1, 234), soph.

"Our linebacking in some ways is not as strong as a year ago but we have more depth," said Stanley. "We have four we can go to war with."

Oklahoma State's defensive strength is in the middle. Devorce, at nose guard, is flanked by a pair of full-grown tackles, James (Duck) White (6-5, 255) and Phillip Dokes (6-5, 250). An incumbent starter, White caught Stanley's eye.

"I'm proud of the way Duck's played this spring," said the coach. "It seems for the first time he's turned his motor loose. He's our most improved player on the line. Dokes played quite a bit as a freshman last year and he's got lots of natural ability. He's the kind you have to turn loose a lot."

Backing both tackles is senior Miller (6-2, 225). He has guts. Because of a cartilage problem, his knee locked frequently last season. He's simply worked it around himself until he could play. Off-season surgery has cured the knee. Stanley hinted at the end of spring practice that Dokes might be moved to tight end which would elevate Miller to a starting tackle position.

Defensive end could be a problem, particularly in depth. A part-time starter at linebacker, Tony Buck (6-0, 206) appears to have taken over one end. "He's not as big as a lot of folks but plays with character," said Stanley. Mike Allen (6-2, 201) and Guy Dutton (6-2, 220), a transfer from Arkansas, were at the other end at spring's end.

Oklahoma State switched this spring to a 5-2 defensive front, which seems to be required in the Big Eight. Results were encouraging. There were only 10 minutes left in spring practice when the No. 1 defensive unit yielded its first and only touchdown.

In keeping with the no-star philosophy, Stanley did not become too extravagant in describing his running backs—a definite strength—but did wind up saying, "Palmer has got to be our lead horse."

Palmer didn't lead so well last year. The great expectations, spawned when he rushed for 945 yards as a soph, dwindled when he eased into the line for 665 as a junior.

Maybe George read too many of those clippings—like that one about how he used to run into a light pole in the El Reno, Oklahoma, park just to get ready for football.

"No, I didn't get the big head," said Palmer. "I was just complacent. I didn't have a good year."

George has dropped 12 pounds to 200. He's gained speed—the result of working for a couple of months with track coach Ralph Tate.

"He got me down to 9.9 in the 100 and I'm dedicated to getting better every day," said Palmer. "I owe them two good years here so I'm going to try to give it to them in one good one."

Thompson (6-0, 185) shoved aside a proven back, Fountain Smith (5-8, 168) for a starting spot in the fifth game last year and rushed for 518 yards. Both are back, although Smith missed spring drills due to knee surgery.

The starter at right half, Alfred Nelms (6-1, 180), also returns. "He had a great spring, made most of our yards," said Stanley.

Both Nelms and Thompson earned accolades in the spring from assistant head coach Lee Snider for blocking. "They really worked at it," said Snider. "When one of them didn't block well for the other, he'd come back to the huddle and apologize for it."

Speed abounds in that backfield. Palmer runs a 4.7, Nelms and Smith 4.6 and Thompson 4.5. But the fastest back of all won't be on campus until the fall.

That would be Terry Miller, a much-wooed recruit from Colorado Springs. He's so good he's already been investigated. The conference supposedly is looking closely at his new car, which was financed by an O-State backer. Terry plans to repay the loan while working in the guy's bank.

Miller, who has run a 9.5 in the 100, is reported to be the best prep back out of Colorado in four or five years. Could he nudge aside one of those veteran OSU backs for a starting job?

"He could if he wanted to bad enough," said Stanley. "But he would have to beat out Thompson or Nelms and that looks like an all-day job."

"It would depend on how quickly he could work into the blocking and overall scheme," said Snider. "He could step in now as a runner. He has super acceleration."

The 6-0, 188-pound Miller is serious. He's been studying OSU game films

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A LEANER, HUNGRIER George Palmer(35) promises to give the Cowboys two seasons in one

COLLISION COURSE FOR

Mike Strachan will lead a stable of sophomores who swagger and swear they'll be Big Eight Spoilers.

By **BUCK TURNBULL** *Des Moines Register*

THE CYCLONES

TWO CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS are under way at Iowa State for the 1974 football season.

One is a new $7,000,000 stadium scheduled to be completed so the last two home games against Oklahoma and Nebraska can be played there in early November.

The other is a rebuilding job—on the team that will be the stadium's star attraction.

Whether both come through as hoped is another matter. They have their problems.

The stadium, for example, was slowed by a strike of steelworkers in the spring, delaying its progress to the point that there was no assurance it would be ready by mid-season. Ticket selling difficulties in such a situation are obvious.

Coach Earle Bruce begins his second year at the Cyclone helm faced by the loss of many outstanding seniors, the guys who led Iowa State into bowl games two of the last three years.

The defensive unit was particularly hit hard with the departure of three key players—Lawrence (Big Daddy) Hunt at middle guard, Ted Jornov at linebacker and Matt Blair at the rover or monster position.

If Bruce knew he could find solid replacements for that trio, he'd feel much more comfortable about what lies ahead. Tough defense has almost become the name of the game in the bruising Big Eight.

Bruce, a former Ohio State assistant under Woody Hayes, admits now that he was mildly shocked by his baptismal year when the Cyclones won only four of 11 games and went 2-5 in conference play.

"I think on for sure," says Earle. " staff and I are going to be better prepared for the Big Eight than we were last year."

"I was surprised by how much talent there is throughout the league and how strong it is from top to bottom."

"In looking back on the 1973 season, though, our inability to win close games was the big difference between a mediocre year and what would have been a very good one."

"We lost to Kansas, 22-20, to Kansas State, 21-19, and to Colorado on a day when I thought we were the stronger team, 23-16. Turn those three around and we're 5-2 in the league."

And that's not even mentioning a non-conference loss at Arkansas, 21-19, when the Razorbacks scored the winning touchdown with 12 players on the field, something that went unnoticed by the officials.

Thus, the record books will forever show the overall log as 4-7, but it wasn't too far from being 8-3.

Iowa State will head into 1974 with an offense once again bullt around pile-driving tailback Mike Strachan certainly a deserving all-America candidate after two brilliant years that have seen him stack up 2,364 yards.

The rugged 199-pounder from Miami, Florida, hammered out 1,261 yards as a sophomore, then 1,103 last season, and is the only Cyclone ever to gain over 1,000 yards in two years.

Strachan (pronounced Strawn) already has moved into select company as the eighth leading rusher in Big Eight history. Just an ordinary year will vault him ahead of former Oklahoma flash Greg Pruitt (758 more yards) into the No. 1 spot.

But passing another Sooner great, Steve Owens, to become the all-time king will take some doing—1,678 yards.

"Offensively, we're going to have a good football team," Bruce says confidently. "When you have a Mike Strachan around and a Mike Tyson to go with him, you've got a running game that any team would like to have."

"One of the pleasant surprises of spring practice was the running of Phil Danowsky at fullback."

"And a big plus we have now that we didn't have last season is experience at quarterback with Buddy Hardeman and Wayne Stanley. Last year we went into the season with a veteran team but no proven leader."

Stanley, an untested sophomore, had the job to start out, but it was freshman Hardeman who moved in and guided the Cyclones to three of their four victories. He should man the controls full time this season.

"Hardeman had a good spring practice—not great but good," says Bruce. "He's a hell of a Saturday football player, the kind who plays better than he practices."

"Stanley also had an excellent spring, so we feel we're well fixed at quarterback, especially with Tom Mason giving us good depth behind those two."

Bruce and his staff did not get a chance to do some backfield experimenting they had planned in the spring, putting Strachan at fullback to see how he might operate there, the idea being that he and the speedy Tyson would form a dangerous duo together.

Oddly, the two suffered identical injuries in different sports. Tyson pulled a hamstring muscle running on the track team, and Strachan missed almost all of spring ball with the same ailment.

Sophomore Tyson possesses the breakaway speed that Strachan doesn't have. But how do you dislodge a runner of Strachan's proven ability?

"If I were the coaches," says Tyson, in a candid appraisal, "I wouldn't play me, either. That Strachan is a tough dude."

One answer is to use them together, but this also may waste Strachan's talents at fullback, and Danowsky already gives the team a crushing blocker and able runner in that spot.

Anyway, it's a pleasant coaching dilemma. Whatever is tried, Iowas State figures to have an effective ground game. Hardeman also is a slippery runner as well as a capable passer.

Iowa State's veer-T offense will get a new look from an old, familiar name. Remember Jerry Moses? Never has an athlete come to Ames more widely heralded than this former high school all-American from East Waterloo. And seldom has anyone been confronted by more bad luck.

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One injury after another has plagued Moses, and in the meantime Strachan claimed the tailback role and stardom that seemingly was destined for Jerry.

Now Moses is coming back for his senior year still largely an unknown on the college scene, but that could change. He's slated to be the starting flanker and also will be used as a ball carrier as well as pass receiver.

"What we want to do is utilize Jerry's ability aa a runner by going to more of a three-back offense than we had last year," explained Bruce.

The man in charge of retooling the attack is Bob Seaman, former head coach at the University of Wichita who now is Iowa State's offensive coordinator.

"Basically we'll be using the same veer-T but with a few new wrinkles," says Seaman. "One will involve Moses running out of the flanker or slot position, and we're really enthused about him. He had an exceptional spring."

Moses, tight end Don Greenwood and a pair of split ends, Rob Overton and Forry Smith, give the Cyclones capable pass receivers even if all lack game experience.

"They can all catch the ball," Bruce said, "and I'm not overly concerned about replacing the receivers we lost (Keith Krepfle, Willie Jones and Ike Harris)."

While the offensive line will be all underclassmen, it features some fine juniors in guards Jeff Jones and Bob Bos and tackle Randy Young.

Karl Schueneman, a heavyweight wrestler, appears to have nailed down the other tackle spot, and John Fritsch moves up from the reserves to take over as the No. 1 center.

"If we have a question mark on offense," said Seaman, "it's too much youth in the line. They are excellent athletes but they'll have to come on strong and fast, because you don't win on potential."

There is more than a single question mark with the defensive unit, however.

Somewhat of an alarming situation confronts Bruce and his aides at linebacker. Senior Gerry Forge is the only returnee with any experience. Brad Storm, a regular last year, would have been back but he quit school in the spring.

Rookie linebackers and perhaps some incoming freshmen will get a shot at playing out of necessity, and hopefully a few will make the grade.

The secondary was wiped out by graduation except for cornerback Barry Hill, who led the Big Eight with eight interceptions in 1973. He is being moved to the safety position and must furnish a steadying influence.

Helping him patrol the secondary will be Ramsey Jay, a senior, at one corner back, with one of two sophomores at the other, Jerry Jaksich or Tony Hawkins.

Matt Blair's replacement at rover is another either/or battle between senior Sy Bassett and junior Dan Becker.

"I think we have a little more speed in the secondary than we had before," Bruce remarked.

Along with Big Daddy Hunt's loss at middle guard, two injuries to regulars-one new and one old—cloud the picture in the defensive front.

End Doug Wilke suffered a head injury last season and was withheld from spring practice for precautionary reasons. Tackle Rick Howe hurt a knee early in spring drills and his status also is questionable.

Andrew Roundtree and Ray King wound up last season as the regular defensive ends and they're both back. So is Ron McFarland, a brawny 240-pounder from Cincinnati, Ohio, who moved right in as a freshman in '73 to win one of the starting tackle jobs.

Now if Jimmy Potter can do as well his first year with the Cyclones as McFarland did, it will ease the defensive pressure considerably. Potter is a

WAYNE STANLEY (18) had a hot hand against the Sooners, 7 for 7 and a 17-7 halftime lead.

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BARRY HILL (44) is a head-hunter in the Iowa State defensive backfield. Tinker will remember this play for awhile.

IT'S A QUIETNESS THAT EXUDES CONFIDENCE

Bumptious in by-gone days, Ole Vince quietly dispatched the Buffs and Cyclones to the sellar in '73 and now eyes another escalation to the first division. By DEL BLACK *Kansas City Star*

VINCE GIBSON HASN'T said, "We gonna win," for several years. It's not that the Kansas State coach doesn't believe his team will win, nor has he lost any of his enthusiasm that helped bring the program off the deck for what has been a roller coaster-type 7-year stint.

Certainly, Ole Vince has mellowed somewhat. A 3-year probation for alleged illegal recruiting will do that to any coach. Maybe realizing that he is the Dean of Coaches in the Big Eight Conference has something to do with his more subtle, seemingly toned-down manner.

But deep down, this 41-year-old Alabaman has retained all the determination, and possibly more, he ever had. "I'm gonna bring this program back," he vowed a season ago after ruining his health—-not to mention that of the alumni—-in 1972 during a nightmarish 3-8 campaign.

Gibson believes the program turned the corner in 1973 when the Wildcats surprised probably even Gibson with a 5-6 record. "We've turned our program around," he says when asked what can be expected of the 'Cats in '74. "We got our pride back."

There is no braggadocio. No promises as to how many victories, or position in the standings. His players, although quietly and after some coaxing, talk of putting a bowl game near the top of their list of seasonal goals.

These mannerisms and atmosphere can somewhat be attributed to the experience of three consecutive losing seasons. Looking forward (if that's the word) to competing in the Big Eight can be most sobering, if not humbling.

The Purple wolves were howling going into the '73 season. Their bark was as loud from mid-season on when the 'Cats lost four straight and five out of six games. Even a season-ending 17-14 conquest of Colorado didn't silence some of the critics.

But through it all, Ernie Barrett, K.S.U. athletic director, insisted Gibson would be his football coach when the 'Cats kicked off in '74.

"I believe Vince Gibson right now is the best man for the job," Barrett said at the close of the campaign. "I think for a while last season ('72) he lost sight of what it takes to win. Now he knows. I think he'll be a better coach because of it."

Possibly, one of the reasons Gibson is approaching this season with a quiet confidence is the fact that the soundest group of assistant coaches he has has a full season under its belt. They have provided a stability badly needed by a young team as well as by players that experienced the upheaval of '72.

That was the go-round in which Gibson said he and his staff lost their toughness as coaches, and it reflected in the play and attitude of a better-than-average group of gridders, many of whom were seniors. With the slump went a drain in the Purple Pride, that built and was climaxed by a runner-up finish in the 1970 league standings.

When speaking of the '74 situation, Gibson prefaces most of his remarks with: "We have more quality young athletes than we've ever had. The big thing is that we know our offense this year and we have better people at the skill positions."

Steve Grogan, a quarterback who cut his varsity teeth on the Veer-T offense last season, returns to the helm after passing for 1,050 yards and running for another 372 in the Wildcats' 3,531-yard production.

"I think we have improved," Grogan agrees, "because we have had a year now to work on the veer offense. We have a lot of young players, but they're good young players with a good attitude."

Spring-practice offensive emphasis was placed on developing a backfield and improving Grogan's passing accuracy, a somewhat mediocre 72-for-164 performance in '73. The backfield had to be rebuilt because of the departure of Tailback Isaac Jackson (1,137 yards) and Fullback Don Calhoun (539).

And K-State appears to have accomplished both goals.

Gibson called upon Regan Steiner, seldom used last season, to operate at fullback. "He's a good one," Gibson says. "We've recruited a big junior college back—-James Couch (6-2, 230) —-but he's gonna have a tough time moving Steiner out of there.

It was the play of Steiner and at least four sophomores during the spring that prompted Gibson to observe: "Our running-back situation is much better than we ever expected. That has been

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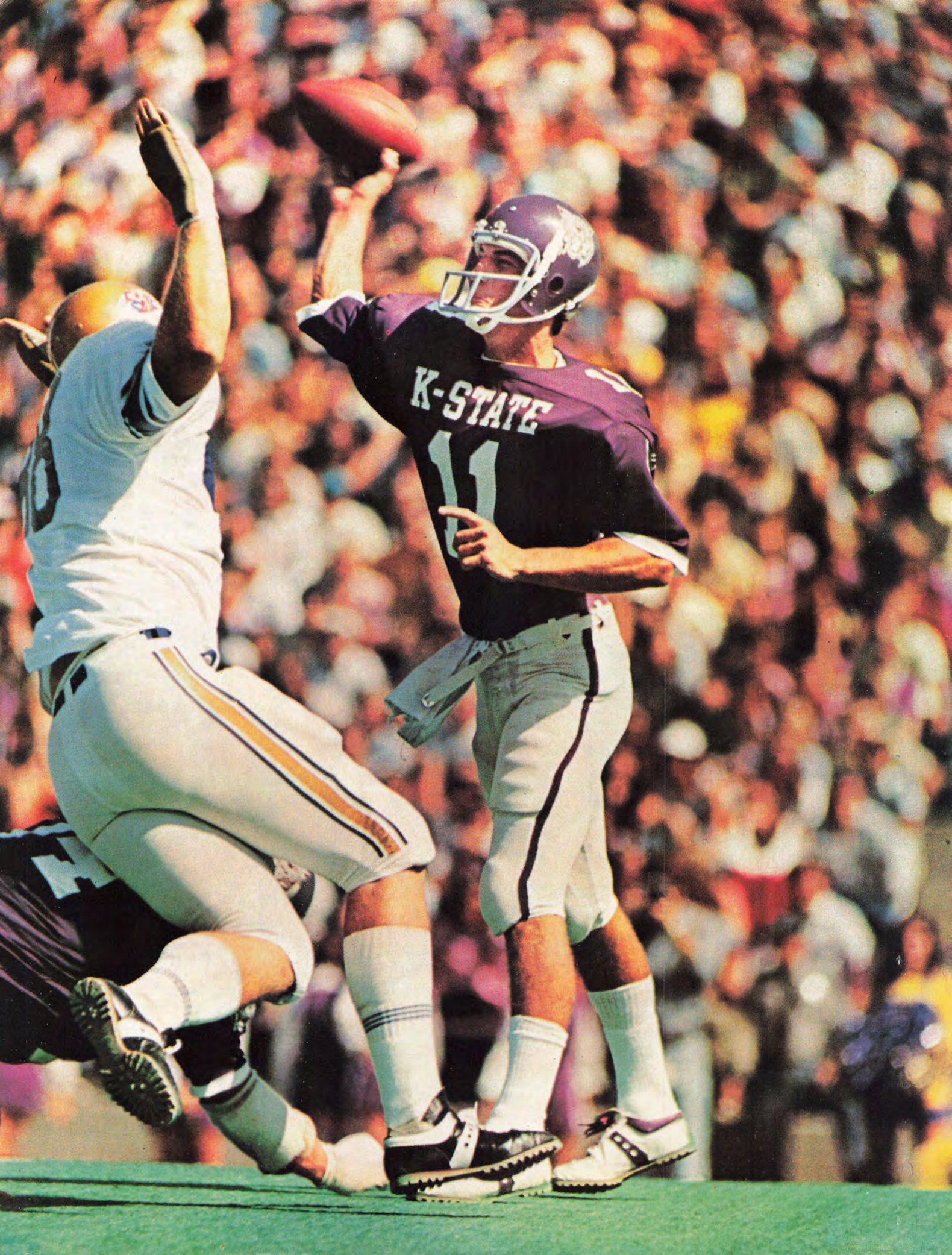
STEVE GROGAN (11) is a strapping 6-4, 200 pound signal caller, who is more imposing than most defensive linemen.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the most pleasant surprise. We're gonna be all right back there."

With Carl Whitfield establishing himself as the tailback, and other youngsters such as L.T. Edwards, Roscoe Scobey and Hardden Weech providing depth, the Wildcats will possess more speed and quickness than they have ever had.

Despite the loss of six of his top seven receivers, including Tight End Henry childs, Grogan's aerial game stands to improve with the emergence of newcomers Bill Dixon, Alonzo Wade, Art Harris and Dave Chambliss, plus holdovers Tom Winchell, Don Parham and John Tuttle. These represent the fastest group of targets ever at K-State.

Grogan won't take all the credit for triggering what should be a better aerial attack.

"The thing that has helped our passing game has been the improvement of our offensive line," the 6-4, 200-pound senior says. "They really worked hard in the spring and I think it's beginning to show."

Gibson acknowledges prospects for a better passing game on the wings of Grogan's improved accuracy. "Yeah, he's better; we know he's tough and can run the football, too."

Backup help for Grogan has been attained with the development of sophomore Tom Merrifield and freshman (second semester) Arthur Bailey.

But there appears to be doubt about the offensive line, in which veterans Gary Freeman and Bob Brandt "must come through after (surgery)," says Gibson. No other starting veterans are available, but lettermen Mark Zier (guard), Tom Wasemiller (center), Pat Clerihan and David Hernandez (tackles) form a nucleus. Sophomores Dave Cary and Tom DeLaHunt are prospects and letterman Bill Crosby has been moved from defensive tackle to offensive guard. Depth, of course, will be a problem.

The defensive interior also has undergone rebuilding, starting with the placement of sophomore Roy Shine at nose guard, soph Rickey Gray and juco A.J. Smith at tackle.

Defensive end, a problem area in '73, has been replenished with sophs Vic Chandler and Perry Viers. Providing depth are veterans Lou Wegerer and Kim Thomas.

Junior Hal Batdorf, a letterman tackle, is one of the vets up front and takes a view of the situation: "This team has got its confidence back even with so many young players playing. The big difference is the attitude. We were actually waiting for spring ball this year. I think the defense, as a whole, will be improved this year. The line has a lot of depth in it and so do the linebackers."

Bob Hitch, coach of the defensive line, says he isn't bothered by the fact that Chandler (6-1, 204) and Viers (6-2, 202), in particular, and the 5-man 'Cat front, doesn't possess great physical size.

"Not at all," he responds. "I think that was wrong with us last year—we had a little size, but lacked speed. I think we're going back to having more speed and quickness. I'd rather have speed than size.

"I think we've got to a point where we think the Big Eight is such a big physical league that you've got to have great big people to survive, and you wind up signing big 'ole kids who can't run and then you are in trouble.

"I think the ends and linebackers in this league have got to be able to really fly. Cullars (Willie, graduated end) ran the 40 in 5-flat. Wegerer does it in :05. Viers runs :04.7 and Chandler runs :04.6. I think that's the reason we're better than when we had those kids last year.

"I think we're definitely better inside. You know, when we had Clarington (Charlie, graduated nose guard), and when he was playing well, we stopped people early in the year. But when Clarington got hurt, we got into a problem, because we tried to do some things to make up for not being real sound in the middle. I think Shine can be as good a football player as Clarington. I think he can close off the middle.

"Another thing that hurt was that we had a problem at linebacker. We had Greg Jones and Don Lareau, who were little bitty kids. Now Theopilis Bryant is 240, Carl (Pennington) is 230, and they can stand up there and whip people and help stop the middle stuff.

"I think our tackles are better. Rickey Gray (6-3, 242) has really improved, and Batdorf (6-2, 225) is a heckuva a lot better player than he was last year. I think we can shut off the inside game and I think our ends will be mobile enough that they can make some plays outside for us.

We're not going to be a real good pass rush team because we're not real big. Everybody says, 'gosh, you don't have to be real big to rush passers', but

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LES CHAVES (42) fights through a Sooner block to get at the ball-carrier.

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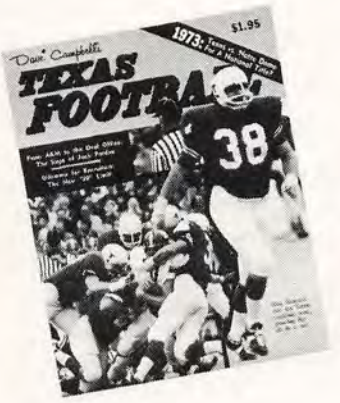

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ALL BIG EIGHT

According to the coaches, Joe Washington of Oklahoma will be the Offensive Player-of-the-Year in 1974 and teammate Rod Shoate will be the premier Defensive Player. Billy Waddy of Colorado is the league's top Sophomore.

DOYLE MAY *El Reno Tribune*

THE MEN WHO SHOULD KNOW, the coaches, generally agree with what Big Eight football fans learned a year ago. The best two running backs in the league are Mike Strachan of Iowa State and jet propelled Joe Washington of Oklahoma.

Strachan led the Big Eight in rushing in 1972, and Washington did it a year ago.

So it is fitting that they polled the most votes in the Big Eight Magazine's balloting of the coaches to determine the pre-season all-conference units for 1974.

Strachan, who has gained 1,261 and 1,103 yards in two seasons at Ames, and Washington, author of 1,173 yards last season, each polled six votes from the coaches for the All-Big 8 team. The only other running backs to get first team votes were OU's fleet fullback, Waymon Clark, and Colorado's touted sophomore, Billy Waddy.

Dave Humm, the southpaw slinger from Nebraska, was tabbed the quarterback in the all-star backfield, but by only a single vote over Steve Davis, the hard-running junior who sparked Oklahoma's wishbone-T to the conference crown and an undefeated record last year.

Colorado's towering flanker, David Logan, was named on six of eight ballots at that position, and wide receiver honors went to Bruce Adams, who had a banner sophomore season only to draw double coverage in '73, allowing teammate Emmett Edwards to lead the conference in receiving. Apparently the coaches still fear Adams more, even without glamorous statistics, although Adams should set several school and perhaps league records by season's end.

Oklahoma's 6-4, 226-pound senior tight end, Wayne Hoffman was the top vote-getter in the offensive line.

Other linemen honored by the coaches include Oklahoma guard John Roush and Nebraska's 6-6, 235-pound tackle, Marvin Crenshaw, both for the second straight year.

Rounding out the offensive line are Nebraska center Rik Bonness, Oklahoma State tackle Tom Wolf and Nebraska guard Tom Alward.

There are some familiar names on the defensive unit, belonging to younger brothers of Big Eight stars of the past. Kansas' Dean Zook was chosen on five ballots at defensive end. His brother John was an All-American at KU six seasons ago. Two Selmons, LeRoy and Dewey, were selected at tackle. They teamed with Lucious Selmon, last year's defensive player-of-the-year, to form the most devastating brother act in history at Oklahoma. LeRoy received six of the possible seven votes while Dewey garnered five.

JOE WASHINGTON OF OKLAHOMA perhaps lacks the explosiveness of a Greg Pruitt, but according to Barry Switzer, "He gets places Pruitt could never get." Joe rushed for over 100 yards in eight consecutive games in 1973.

Oklahoma's quick, hard-hitting linebacker, Rod Shoate, was picked as the defensive player-of-the-year in the poll. He was the unanimous choice of the coaches (with the exception of Switzer, as coaches couldn't vote on their own players).

Joining Shoate at linebacker was Missouri's Scott Pickens, who edged Kansas' Steve Towle by a single vote.

The other safety berth went to Kansas State's Gordon Chambliss, who'll be starting for the third season.

Selected at cornerback were Iowa State's Barry Hill, who equalled a Big Eight record with eight interceptions last season and will move to safety this season, and Ken Downing, the Missouri junior who also replaces ex-teammate John Moseley as the conference's most feared punt returner.

Besides the Selmons and Zook up front, the coaches selected Nebraska end Bob Martin by a narrow edge over Bob Keeney of Missouri, and Kansas nose guard Mike Lemon.

Note that four of the defenders are from Oklahoma, which indicates the Sooners may come up with another unit to rival the stingy crew of last year. Shoate and Hughes already are All-Americans, and L. Selmon, at 6-4, 252, is being called the finest tackle ever to play for the Sooners.

It is to Davis' credit that he challenged Humm for the quarterback spot. The poised Nebraska star has been one of the nation's most talked-about athletes for three years. Davis only came into his own last year when he came from nowhere to operate the OU wishbone with the same effectiveness of Jack Mildren two years earlier.

Humm, after red-shirting behind Jerry Tagge in 1971, cranked up for 30 touchdowns and 2,259 yards the past two seasons. He's completed more than 50 per cent of his career passes for the Huskers, hitting 153 of 285 attempts in 1972 and 109 of 196 tries last season.

Strachan, the 190-pound Iowa State star, said he'd trade those 1,000 yard seasons to take the Cyclones to the Orange Bowl this season.

He and Washington waged quite a duel for the rushing title last year but Joe's consistency won for him. The nimble OU sophomore gained 100 yards in eight straight games, and went over that mark nine times for the full season. The head mentors selected "little Joe" the Big Eight offensive player-of-the-year receiving four of the seven votes cast. Strachan received two votes and the Sooners' Davis one.

Texas coach Darrell Royal says Washington "has the best acceleration I've seen."

Washington, as a sophomore, already was being compared to Greg Pruitt, now a fancy-stepper for the Cleveland Browns. His coach, Barry Switzer, calls Washington a better running back right now, although admitting he doesn't explode like Pruitt. "But he gets places Greg could never get," Barry added.

Colorado's Billy Waddy was a heavy favorite for Sophomore player-of-the-year honors receiving 5 of the 7 votes. Mike Tyson and Buddy Hardeman both of Iowa State each received one vote indicating the Cyclone's have some super sophomores to challenge the Big 8 establishment.

Waddy jumped into the national spotlight as a freshman by earning a starting assignment against Wisconsin and leading the Buffs to a last minute come-from-behind win over the Badgers. In the process Waddy rushed for over 200 yards and was selected national back of the week.

But you musn't count Tyson out yet. He was so dangerous as a frosh, the Cyclone bosses moved Strachan to fullback for the last two games in '73 to get both runners into the game. This same combination could be awesome in '74, and will be complimented by the presence of Hardeman.

A number of players on the second team narrowly missed first team selection.

Tinker Owens and Billy Brooks of Oklahoma and Emmett Edwards of Kansas all received two votes leaving them only one shy of Bruce Adams' first team total. Apparently there is wide disagreement on the premier split end although Adams led the pack by slimmest of margins.

Another hotly contested battle developed in the defensive secondary where Tony Peters of Oklahoma, Rod Perry of Colorado and Kurt Knoff of Kansas all received 2 votes at cornerback. This was 2 less than first teamers Hill and Downing, but again demonstrates the excellent balance of top talent around the league.

While Pickens edged Steve Towle by a single vote at the "other" linebacker position (that not owned by Shoate), Nebraska's "Minnesota Twins", Tom Ruud and Bob Nelson each received a vote. These two towering talents may cancel each other out in all-star competition since both have equal credentials. Nebraska believes they are the finest pair of backers in America ". . .including Shoate!"

While Oklahoma dominated with four on the first defensive unit, one shouldn't overlook Missouri's equally impressive second team strength with two defensive tackles in Mark Johnson and Dennis Vanarsdall, safety Tony Gillick and Keeney at end. This gave the Tigers six players on the first two units compared to the same number for the Sooners.

On the other side of the ledger, three of the seven starting linemen were from Nebraska, indicating that Humm will have plenty of support in the trenches where football games are decided. Bonness is being called one of the conference's top pro prospects as just a junior, and perhaps the number one center in America.

But Oklahoma fans argue differently, noting that Bonness edged Kyle Davis of OU by only a single vote at center.

Well, to be a concensus all-conference performer is a rarity in the big Big Eight, particularly in the pre-season. At times it seems easier to make All American than it is All Big Eight!

RODERICK SHOATE OF OKLAHOMA was selected the sophomore defensive player-of-the-year in 1972 and has since been chosen All-Big Eight both varsity campaigns. This spring the pro scouts clocked Shoate in at 4.5 in the 40 two consecutive times leading observers to proclaim him the fastest linebacker in America. Shoate may well be the finest linebacker ever to play in the Big Eight.

Pre-Season

COACHES' ALL BIG EIGHT ALL OFFENSIVE TEAM

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

E	**BILL BROOKS** (6-3,205), Oklahoma
T	**JERRY ARNOLD** (6-2,252), Oklahoma
G	**STEVE SADICH** (6-3,220), Missouri
C	**KYLE DAVIS** (6-4,223), Oklahoma
G	**DON BUCK** (6-2,208), Missouri
T	**DOUG PAYTON** (6-4,249), Colorado
E	**EMMETT EDWARDS** (6-2,190), Kansas
QB	**STEVE DAVIS** (5-10,183), Oklahoma
RB	**BILLY WADDY** (5-11,183), Colorado
RB	**WAYMON CLARK** (6-2,205), Oklahoma
FL	**TINKER OWENS** (5-11,164), Oklahoma

ALL SOPHOMORE TEAM OFFENSE

TE	**DON HASSELBECK** (6-7,232), Colorado
T	**DERREL GOFOURTH** (6-2,230), Oklahoma State
G	**CHEZ EVANS** (6-2,270), Oklahoma
C	**DAVE GREENWOOD** (6-4,215), Iowa State
G	**JOHN GOURLEY** (6-3,241), Missouri
T	**MIKE VAUGHAN** (6-6,270), Oklahoma
SE	**RICKY TAYLOR** (5-9,172), Oklahoma State
QB	**BUDDY HARDEMAN** (6-0,181), Iowa State
QB	**STEVE PISARKIEWICZ** (6-3,203), Missouri
RB	**MIKE TYSON** (5-11,190), Iowa State
RB	**BILLY WADDY** (5-11,183), Colorado
RB	**LAVERNE SMITH** (6-0,192), Kansas

QUARTERBACK

DAVE HUMM, Nebraska (6-2, 191 Sr) Heading into the 1974 football season as one of the premier quarterbacks in college football, a solid candidate for All America and Heisman Trophy honors. The southpaw slinger from Las Vegas will be starting for third year, having earned sophomore All American honors from Football News when he smashed Lynn Dickey's Big 8 soph record of 2,259 yards on 153 completions and 18 TDs. Hit 109 of 196 for 12 TDs as junior.

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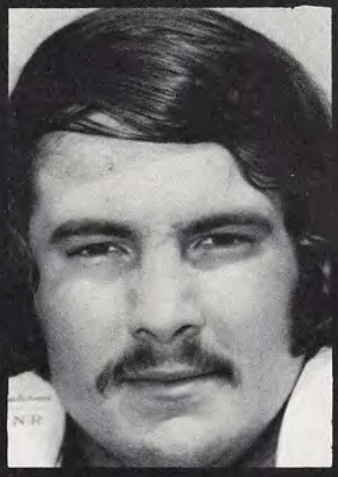

TOM WOLF, Oklahoma State (6-5, 240 Sr) One of the finest offensive linemen ever to play at Oklahoma State. One assistant coach claims, "Tom could find a way to block a hole through a thorny hedge." Excellent quickness and strength. Relied upon to anchor youthful OSU front. "He's outstanding in every sense of the word," says coach Jim Stanley. He's sharp in classroom, too, with near a 4.0 average in his pre-med studies. Oklahoma City McGuinness (Catholic) product.

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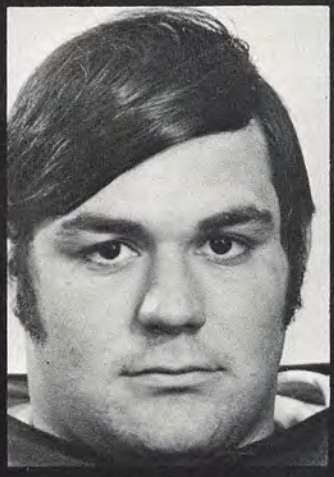

JOHN ROUSH, Oklahoma (5-11, 235 Sr) Starting at offensive guard for Sooners for third straight year. Recruited by OU from Arvada, Colo. Has had exceptional career for Sooners. He's the man who fires out and often leads the downfield blocking in OU's celebrated wishbone attack. One of the strongest players on the squad, Roush can bench press over 400 pounds. Named to numerous all opponent teams selected by OU foes in 1973. All-Big 8 choice last year.

BACK

MIKE STRACHAN, Iowa State (6-1, 190 Sr) Looking for his third straight 1,000-plus season in Big Eight after rambling for 1,261 and 1,103 yards. He was the surprise of the league as a soph when he won the rushing title. Has great take off power, open-field speed and excellent balance. All that, and he can block, too. He needs 1,678 yards to break Steve Owens' career record at 4,041 yards, and only 758 to become Big Eight's No. 2 all-time rusher.

BACK

JOE WASHINGTON, Oklahoma (5-10, 175 Jr) "He has the best acceleration I've seen," Texas' Darrell Royal says of the swift Sooner halfback who rushed for 1,173 yards to lead all Big Eight backs last season. He scored 10 touchdowns. Coach Barry Switzer says Joe's better than Greg Pruitt, the OU All-American of two seasons ago. "He gets places Pruitt could never get," Switzer says. Was over 100 yards in nine games in 1973, including eight in a row. Voted Sports Illustrated's back of the week after win over Kansas.

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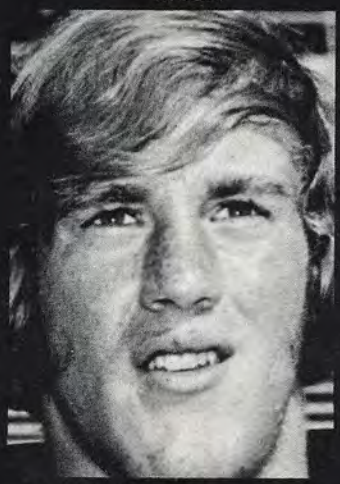

DAVID LOGAN, Colorado (6-4, 218 Jr) After lettering as a freshman in both football and basketball, he blossomed into one of the Big Eight's top receivers in 1973. He caught 22 passes for 395 yards and four touchdowns and also returned 16 punts for an average of 10.8 yards. Logan averaged better than 15 yards every time he touched the football as a receiver, runner and punt returner. Was prep All-American at Wheat Ridge, Colo. Starting CU cager as a freshman. Good baseballplayer too.

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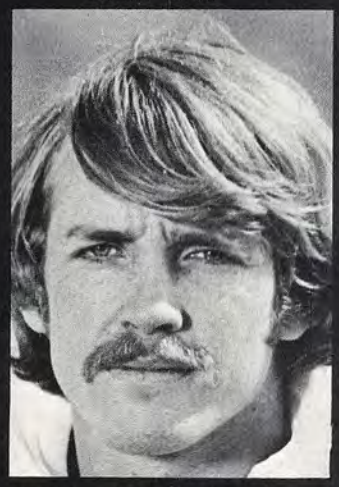

BRUCE ADAMS, Kansas (6-1, 177 Sr) Destined to become KU's all-time leading receiver, yardage-wise. He's only 103 yards shy of the school mark of 1,192 yards held by John Mosier. In two years, Adams has hauled in 15 touchdown passes. As a sophomore, he caught 39 passes for 704 yards and had 26 receptions for 385 yards during his junior season. Coach Don Fambrough says Adams and Emmett Edwards give the Jayhawks the finest pair of receivers in the U.S. Adams, a former quarterback, has ability to get open and then puts on great moves.

CENTER

RIK BONNESS, Nebraska (6-5, 205 Jr) One of the few sophomores ever to start in the Nebraska offensive line, and did so in impressive fashion. Saluted by both Lucious Selmon and Larry "Big Daddy" Hunt for his exceptional play against those premier nose guards. Osborne calls Bonness the best center in American even as a junior. A native Texan, Rik combines brain with brawn qualifying for the national honor society in high school .

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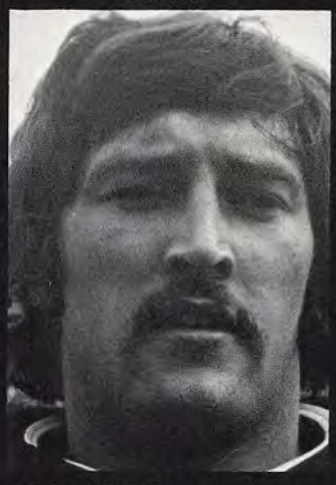

TOM ALWARD, Nebraska (6-3, 235 Sr) After a red-shirt year in 1971, Alward spelled Bob Wolfe and Dan Anderson in '72. and finally won the starting position last year. An outstanding pass blocker, Alward is regarded as a top pro prospect by the scouts because of his size and speed. One of Nebraska's most versatile athletes, who was all-state in both football and basketball at Tendel High School in Flint, Michigan.

TACKLE

MARVIN CRENSHAW, Nebraska (6-6, 235 Sr) A repeater from last season's pre-season all-Big Eight when he exceeded expectations. All-American as a sophomore. Like others in NU's interior line, a solid pass blocker. Perhaps the No. 1 offensive lineman in the Big Eight. Has started every Husker game but one since his sophomore season. Few teams in the nation have three solid linemen like Crenshaw, Alward, and Bonness. Marvin was a three-sport prep star at Woodward High School in Toledo, Ohio.

TIGHT END

WAYNE HOFFMAN, Oklahoma (6-4, 226 Sr) A teammate of OU's All-American linebacker Rod Shoate at Spiro, Okla., High School. A former defensive end who played well last season. Good size and ability. The ideal tight end because of size, strength and blocking ability. Can catch the football in a crowd. Switched from defense to the offensive unit last season when Sooners ran short of receivers. Played only two years of high school football.

Pre-Season

COACHES' ALL BIG EIGHT ALL DEFENSIVE TEAM

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

E	**BOB KEENEY** (6-2,210), Missouri
T	**DENNIS VANARSDALL** (6-1,221), Missouri
NG	**STEVE GRIFFIN** (6-0,203), Colorado
T	**MARK JOHNSON** (6-3,236), Missouri
E	**JIMBO ELROD** (6–1,197), Oklahoma
LB	**BOB NELSON** (6- 4,229), Nebraska
LB	**STEVE TOWLE** (6-3,234), Kansas
DB	**TONY PETERS** (6-2,180), Oklahoma
DB	**ROD PERRY** (5-9,168), Colorado
DB	**KURT KNOFF** (6-3,198), Kansas
DB	**TONY GILLICK** (5-11,176), Missouri

ALL SOPHOMORE TEAM DEFENSE

E	**TERRY BEESON** (6-3,238), Kansas
T	**PHILLIP DOKES** (6-5,250), Oklahoma State
T	**MIKE FULTZ** (6-4,255), Nebraska
T	**RON McFARLAND** (6–2,240), Iowa State
E	**VIC CHANDLER** (6-1,204), Kansas State
LB	**DON PILE** (6-3,211), Kansas
LB	**THEOPILIS BRYANT** (5-10,236), Kansas State
LB	**JOHN WEIMER** (6-1,234), Oklahoma State
DB	**NOLAN CROMWELL** (6-2,190), Kansas
DB	**JERRY JAKISCH** (6-1,195), Iowa State
DB	**SCOTT HILL** (6-1,195), Oklahoma

END

DEAN ZOOK, Kansas (6-2, 190 Sr) That name is back to terrorize Big Eight attacks again. Dean's brother John, was an All-American defensive end on Kansas' 1968 Orange Bowl team. Dean played considerably as a sophomore and then won a job last year with his hard tackling. Good speed that makes him invaluable at guarding against the pass. He was a fullback and a linebacker at Larned, Kan. Another brother Dale, is a KU soph.

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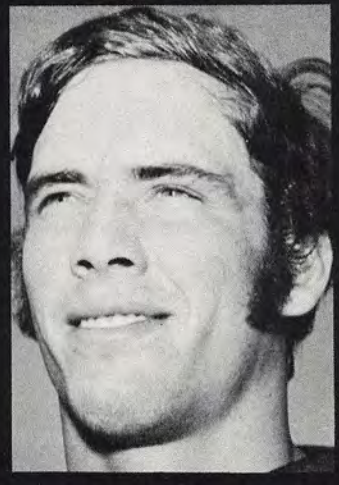

SCOTT PICKENS, Missouri (6-2, 220 Sr) As a sophomore, Scott missed first two games because of a knee strain, then became a starter and developed into one of league's best. Coaches rate him "tremendous mobile, tough and a nose for the ball." Has 4.7 speed and covers well from sideline to sideline. Tigers' top tackler the past two seasons. The Peoria, Ill., native wants to enter coaching after his college days unless the pros beckon.

LINEBACKER

ROD SHOATE, Oklahoma (6-1, 215 Sr) Everyone's All-America. Called finest linebacker ever to play at Oklahoma, which produced Jerry Tubbs, Carl McAdams, Bob Harrison, among others. Has consistent 4.6 speed in the 40. Chosen's AP's national lineman of the week after 27-0 blitzing of Nebraska. Had 178 stops last year, seven behind the line of scrimmage. "He hasn't made an ordinary tackle since he's been here," says coach Barry Switzer. "He rocks 'em."

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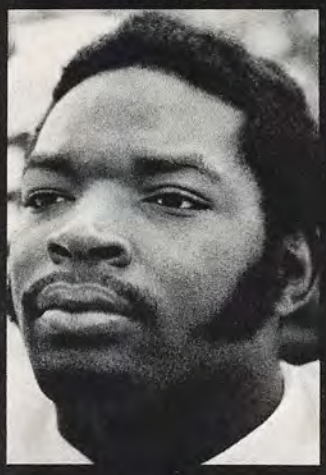

DEWEY SELMON, Oklahoma (6-1, 249 Jr) OU's second leading tackler in the line in 1973 with 84 stops. Shortest, but perhaps toughest of the famed Selmon brothers. His jarring tackles forced fumbles from Missouri and Kansas that helped break open both games. Became a starting tackle after playing as a reserve at nose guard. Tackled enemy backs behind line of scrimmage nine times for 37 yards in losses. Was a standout in the spring, especially in the alumni game.

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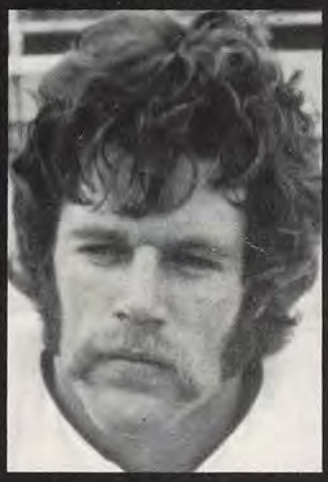

MIKE LEMON, Kansas (6-4, 205 Sr) This rugged Jayhawk follows some illustrious names in that all-star position, such as Rich Glover and Lucious Selmon. He's not as big as the others, but he's tough. Lemon led Ellsworth (Iowa) Junior College to the El Toro Bowl in Arizona and was voted the game's runner-up MVP. He stepped right into Kansas' then new 5-2-4 defense. A fine athlete at Sioux City Heelan High where he high jumped 6-5 and ran 44.6 in the hurdles. One of league's quickest linemen.

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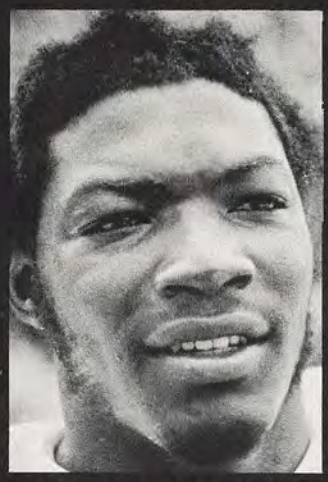

LEROY SELMON, Oklahoma (6-4, 252 Jr) Some great tackles have played at OU, but observers say this one may be the best ever. LeRoy has speed, size and quickness. Logged 57 tackles, including nine for 49 yards in losses, in 1973. Broke up three passes. He missed the pre-season training because of pericarditis, an inflammation of the sac surrounding the heart, and for a while, it appeared his football days were over. But medics gave him the green light and he quickly blossomed into a star.

END

BOB MARTIN, Nebraska (6-0, 182 Jr) Earned a starting job at defensive end in 1973 despite his size, and will be one of only five defensive regulars returning to Huskers. Was a two-way performer as a freshman, but quickly settled at defense last year and became one of the Big Eight's most respected ends. He was voted Nebraska's athlete of the year while attending David City, Neb. Has exceptional speed and toughness.

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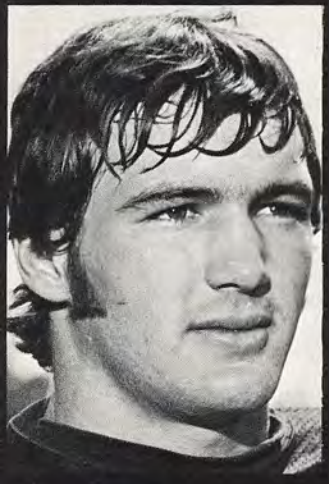

KEN DOWNING, Missouri (5-11, 180 Jr) Came from practically nowhere last season to start as a sophomore. Now he's talked as the heir apparent to John Moseley's job as the Big Eight's premier kick returner. Has 4.6 speed and uncanny ability to be where the ball is. He's one of three starters back in the Missouri secondary, indicating the Tigers may be going bowling for the second straight year. Downing was an all-around prep star at Aurora, Mo.

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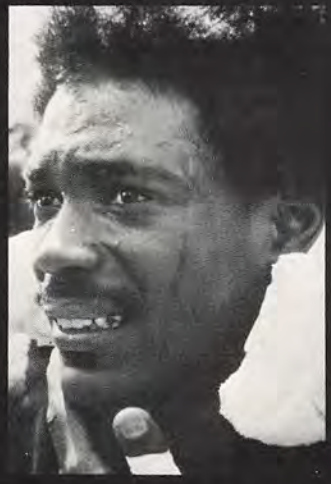

BRARRY HILL, Iowa State (6-2, 184 Sr) The Delray Beach, Fla., product equalled a Big Eight record with eight interceptions last season, giving him a career total of 12 for the Cyclones. He was an excellent prospect as a wide receiver, but the coaches finally decided he'd be of more help on defense' where he has been sensational. A double all-stater in high school, he once scored three touchdowns in a state title game, and scored 52 points in a championship cage tilt.

SAFETY

RANDY HUGHES, Oklahoma 6-4, 200 Sr) One of many All-America candidates in OU camp. Extremely big and strong for the secondary, Hughes broke open the Colorado game last year by returning a stolen pass 95 yards to score when it was tied at 7-7. Has nine interceptions in two years, needing six to tie the school mark. He led OU's secondary last season with 48 stops, including one for a five-yard setback, which is something for a strong safety.

SAFETY

GORDON CHAMPBLISS, Kansas State (6-2, 188 Sr) Gained starting spot in final three games of sophomore season and then had a great year as a junior. He's a key reason why Wildcats expect improved defense to lead them back into a contending role. His father, Byron, played football at Alabama. Brother Dave is a KSU tight end candidate. Gordon has 4.6 speed, loves to hit. He'll tighten up Wildcat secondary that was bombed for 260 points during the skid to 5-6 in 1973.

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE A SUCCESSOR

A national publication has ranked the Big Eight as the number one football conference in America five out of the last six years. As further evidence of this success, one need look only at the five assistants who have been elevated to the position of "Head Coach" in the conference. **By BOB HURT** *Daily Oklahoman*

RECORDS, BOWLS, POLLS. All three reflect football prosperity in the Big Eight. They provide stats to be sprung on wide-eyed recruits looking for a football home or on squinty Beyed TV moguls looking for a game on which to focus their cameras. Yep, statistics illustrate what the conference office has been saying so humbly lo these many years: The Big Eight is Big Time.

Yet, the official propaganda campaign, so important in gaining national stature, has overlooked one fact.....a fact which, within the coaching fraternity, may outweigh all the other signs of prosperity. It is this: The Big Eight takes care of its own. It elevates its assistants to head jobs. Join the Big Eight and see the world from a coaching tower.

Of the eight current head coaches, five are products of the program they now head. Count 'em. Don Fambrough of Kansas, Jim Stanley of Oklahoma State, Barry Switzer of Oklahoma, Al Onofrio of Missouri and Tom Osborne of Nebraska.

No big deal, huh? Well, hold on there, dear skeptic. Let's dip back in history. Since World War II, or 1945, there have been 46 head coaching changes in the Big Eight. But only 10 times has the vacancy been filled by promoted aides That five such "promotees" are currently in office is significant. It shows the conference is solid.

Obviously, a university won't reach into its own coaching stockpile if the program is floundering. Despair demands change. New coaches bring new enthusiasm, new success. Or do they?

The conference schools which have been most successful are the ones who have confined coaching searches within their own office walls. Nothing succeeds like a successor. Of course, it may be argued, with validity, that the elevated assistant wouldn't do so well if he wasn't taking over an established program. Which comes first? The chicken or the egg? The program or the promoted aide?

But there can be no argument about the success of homegrown coaches. As mentioned earlier, the Big Eight has imported 36 outsiders for head coaches since 1945. Their combined record is I97 wins, 809 losses and 53 ties for a percentage of 49.0. The 10 aides who have moved up have won 290, lost 168 and tied 13 for a percentage of 63.3.

Advantages of staying within the staff are self evident—familiarity with staff, system, players, school administration, facilities, geography, recruits, and high school coaches. Heck, the new guy on the football block sometimes spends six months in the projection room finding out what he's got.

DON FAMBROUGH

JIM STANLEY

Of the advantages, Missouri's Onofrio thinks recruiting may be the biggest plus. When Dan Devine traipsed off to the Green Bay Packers in 1970, Onofrio moved into the next office and missed nary a step in the recruiting race.

"When Dan left, we had a very average year—-6-5," he said. "But there wasn't any letdown in our recruiting. We didn,t falter there. It was one of our better years in recruiting."

Folks recruited then were to play an instrumental part a year later when Missouri upset Notre Dame. That shoved the Tigers over some kind of hump. At least, they haven't had to wonder about what to do with their post-seasons.

The transition was even smoother at Nebraska, where with typical foresight Bob Devaney named Osborne as the head coaching heir a season in advance. That avoided one possible pitfall. Neither coaches, players nor alums had time to choose up sides and campaign for their candidate.

More important, however, was the recruiting as ect.

Osborne, in the interim, was named the head recruiter. In prospects' living rooms, he was much better received as the next head coach than he would have been representing some "headless- program."

When you move up, you know the strengths and weaknesses!" said Osborne. "In my case, it promoted continuity. "I have seven assistants who are still here. This helps recruiting. They've all been through it and know pretty much whereof they speak."

"We had a good year recruiting last year. It wasn't the greatest ever but our freshman team was 4-1 against the toughest schedule we've every played. I think we'll get nine or ten quality players out of the freshman team."

The subject of staff brings up another angle. The public is generally unaware of it but the heartbreak of psoriosis doesn't compare to the heartbreak of a coaching change. A departing head coach, whether jumped or pushed, must carry on his conscience the future of a lot of people.

On Jan. 29, 1973, Chuck Fairbanks left Oklahoma for the riches dangled by the New England Pats. In effect, 12 of his OU aides spent the next day unemployed. They nearly paced holes in the new carpet installed in the football office

faithful service. While that doesn't put points on the board, it is none-the-less heartwarming.

Onofrio had been under Devine for 13 years at Missouri and for three years earlier at Arizona State. It was there Devine found Onofrio teaching a PE class and recognized him as a defensive genius.

Fambrough had spent 22 years as an assistant, 19 of them at Kansas. He was the only other serious candidate when Pepper Rodgers was hired in 1967. When Pepper told athletic director Wade Stinson he was moving on to UCLA in 1971, Stinson went immediately to Fambrough's office and announced, "You're the head coach."

Fambrough and Onofrio were hired at about the same time. "The most important thing about this," said Fambrough, "is that it gave a lot of old assistants new life and new encouragement."

Over his 22 years as an aide, Fambrough was delegated much responsiblity but "I didn't really know how many decisions the head coach is confronted with in football and other areas. It can be a lonely life. But I've learned more in the last three years than I did in the other 22 put together."

BARRY SWITZER

TOM OSBORNE

AL ONOFRIO

although they had to be 99 per cent certain Switzer would be elevated and they would be reemployed.

Switzer sat stewing in his own office. A bystander consoled him by saying, "It's just a job."

"Not just a job," corrected Switzer, "it's 12 jobs and 12 families."

Counting children and wives, those 12 families included 45 persons. That's a lot of mouths to feed. It set ulcers a-twitching.

Those families are eating rather high on the hog now. But the incident serves to point out why schools that elevate their own are able to attract better assistants. It's why they keep them, too.

Switzer says both his offensive coordinator, Galen Hall, and his defensive coordinator, Larry Lacewell, have had attractive feelers but preferred to stick around. Only this winter, Lacewell turned down the Iowa head job.

"I'm hanging around hoping we're good enough for Barry to get some pro offer he can't turn down," jested Lacewell. Or, maybe it wasn't a jest.

Elevating an assistant often is a reward for long and

OK, there are plusses to moving the assistant up. What are the minuses?

Well, inbreeding can be a danger to a football staff. Some turnover is necessary. New assistants bring in new ideas and avoid that rut, which someone once said was a grave extended. There are certain pitfalls in sticking too closely with your own.

"There's always that possiblity," conceded Osborne, "particularly if all the assistants you hire are people who played for you. We've brought in three new assistants."

And, while helpful, familiarity can breed contempt.

At Oklahoma State, Stanley was in a unique position. He was promoted when Dave Smith went to SMU but he had served there earlier, 1963-68, under Phil Cutchin. Cutchin's dismissal left alums split, and Stanley naturally was caught up in it.

"Anytime you've been around a place for a long time, you have a lot of friends and some enemies," said Stanley. "I have not seen any evidence I have any enemies but I'm sure there are some.

Whether he comes from within or without, a new coach

always will be haunted to an extent by ghosts of coaches past. But the comparison seems greater when the new boss was a protege of the one leaving.

Devine was tagged as a football conservative. By transferrance, Onofrio also wears the conservative tag. He disowns it, claiming only that he "plays the percentages." He insists the pass played a vital role in all but one of Missouri,s victories last year.

Yet, Missouri and Kansas were hooked up in a hot recruiting battle over a quarterback last spring. The recruit picked up Kansas, saying, "They throw the ball more."

Osborne was braced for the comparison to Devaney. It was inevitable. Any time the Huskers failed to make a first down, there was always some sideliner ready to say, "Devaney wouldn't have done it that way."

In one rather relaxed Husker practice last fall, receivers were running "out" patterns. One of the players recalled that Osborne had been a split end with the Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers. "Why don't you show us how to do it, coach?" he asked.

Osborne accepted the challenge. He sped 14 yards downfiled , cut crisply to sideline and leaped to catch a pass from Steve Runty.

Now, this was a no-contact drill. But how many times do you get a shot at the coach? Defensive back Randy Borg couldn't resist. As the ball arrived from the front, Borg arrived from the rear. A big thud. The ball fell from Osborne's hands.

Back up field, enjoying the sight, was quarterback David Humm. He shook his head sadly and said in a stage whisper, "Coach Devaney would never have dropped that one." 8

Listed below are records of football coaches who have entered the Big Eight since World War II (1945). Coaches elevated from within their programs are listed in capital letters:

COACH	YEARS	W—L—T
COLORADO		
Dallas Ward	1948-58	63-41-6
Sonny Grandelius	1959-61	21-10-0
Bud Davis	1962	12–8-0
Eddie Crowder	1963-73	62-43-2
Bill Mallory	1974-	
IOWA STATE		
Abe Stuber	1947-53	24-38-3
Vince Di Francesca	1954-56	6-21-1
Jim Myers	1957	4–5-1
Clay Stapleton	1958-67	42-53-4
John Majors	1968-72	24-31-1
Earle Bruce	1973	4-7-0
KANSAS		
George Sauer	1946-47	15–3-3
J.V. Sikes	1948-53	35-25-0
Chuck Mather	1954-57	11-26-3
Jack Mitchell	1958-66	20-22-0
Pepper Rodgers	1967-70	44-42-5
DON FAMBROUGH	1971-	15-19-1
KANSAS STATE		
Hobbs Adams	1946	0–9-0
Sam Francis	1947	0-10-0
Ralph Graham	1948-50	4-26-1
Bill Meek	1951-54	14-24-1
BUS MERTES	1955-59	15-34-1
Doug Weaver	1960-66	8-60-1
Vince Gibson	1967-	29-45-0

COACH	YEARS	W-L-T
MISSOURI		
Frank Broyles	1957	5–4-1
Dan Devine	1958-70	93-37-7
AL ONOFRIO	1971-	15-20-0
NEBRASKA		
Bernie Masterson	1946-47	5-13-0
George Clark	1948	2-8-0
Bill Glassford	1949-55	31-35-3
Pete Elliott	1956	4-6-0
BILL JENNINGS	1956-61	15-34-1
Bob Devaney	1962-72	101-20-2
TOM OSBORNE	1973-	9-2-1
OKLAHOMA		
Jim Tatum	1946	8–3-0
BUD WILKINSON	1947-63	145-29-4
GOMER JONES	1964-65	9–11-1
Jim Mackenzie	1966	6–4-0
CHUCK FAIRBANKS	1967-72	52-15-1
BARRY SWITZER	1973-	10-0-1
OKLAHOMA STATE		
J.B. Whitworth	1950-54	22-27-2
Cliff Speegle	1955-62	36-42-3
Phil Cutchin	1963-68	19-38-2
Floyd Gass	1969-71	13-18-1
Dave Smith	1972	6-5-0
JIM STANLEY	1972-	5-4-2

Mr. Hustle: Steve Davis of Oklahoma is a more accomplished wishbone operative than Jack Mildren.

Switzer fears scholarship reduction will weaken Big Eight's status. All coaches except Gibson and Mallory oppose new rule. Critics think it is a handicap to schools in sparsely populated areas, predict escalated recruiting expenses and abuses. Onofrio suggests maximum penalties for cheaters.

By **BILL CONNORS** *Sports Editor, Tulsa World*

Does '30 Limit' Mean End of

THE NEW NATIONAL LIMIT OF 30 freshman scholarships, effective this year, and a total limit of 105, effective in 1977, is probably more unpopular in the Big Eight than any other conference.

The Big Eight rose to its position of pre-eminence with a limit of 45 freshman grants and no limit on the total squad number. Oklahoma and Nebraska, which have won or shared 26 of the last 28 championships, have in recent years had varsity squads of well over 100 players, in addition to freshmen. Last season Iowa State had the conference's smallest numerical roster with 141 names (including freshmen).

This liberal policy on numbers, permitting wide spread redshirting, gave the Big Eight a look of quantity as well as quality. The latter evolved from the former, most observers agree. The thought of a 33 per cent reduction produced a predictable response from most Big Eight head coaches.

Six of them vehemently oppose the rule. Barry Switzer of Oklahoma and Nebraska's Tom Osborne are against all limits. Al Onofrio of Missouri says he could reconcile himself to "living with 35 freshmen, but there should not be a total limit." Jim Stanley of Oklahoma State and Kansas' Don Fambrough are more opposed to the 30 limit than to 105. Earl Bruce of Iowa State objects to 105 "slightly less" than to 30.

Each considers the rule a grievous handicap that will eventually erode the advantage the Big Eight has erected in the last decade over the Big 10 and other conferences which already had restrictive limits.

The ominous warnings vary from Switzer's prediction that "with the 30 limit we won't be seeing the kind of national championship football we've had the last few years" to Osborne's softer forecast of "I think it will weaken us." Onofrio thinks "in two years we will see the dropoff." Stanley says, "this is a step backwards for our conference."

The only coaches who, though not pleased with the specifics, like the limits are allies from opposite poles of experience—Kansas State's Vince Gibson, who became dean of Big Eight head coaches when Eddie Crowder stepped down at Colorado, and Crowder's successor and the leagues only new coach, Bill Mallory.

Gibson would prefer the freshman limit be 35, but endorses the rule and does not think it will dilute the Big Eight's prestige. Mallory, who was under a freshman limit of 20 at Miami of Ohio, likes the 30 limit but believes the total should be 120 scholarships in football.

The coaches generally agree the rule will force more varsity reliance on freshmen, make recruiting more selective and competitive and thereby inspire more cheating, increase recruiting expenses, end massive redshirting and will not have an appreciable effect on the power structure within the conference. It is expected the percentage of blacks will increase substantially, perhaps to 50 percent, or more.

Most coaches think the second division schools will be affected as much as Oklahoma and Nebraska, and do not believe the rule will play a part in closing the gap that has separated the super powers from the conference's struggling members. Osborne speculated, "It may be a case of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer."

This, he stressed, would be within the conference. He believes it will be another story in competition with the Big 10 and Pacific Eight. "The rule may be all right for schools in densely populated areas," Osborne said, "but it's a definite handicap for schools in sparsely populated areas like the Big Eight." Most coaches echoed Osborne's opinion. The population factor is a sore point with the coaches.

They contend schools in sparsely populated centers have to recruit heavily from out of state and thus are not in a position to evaluate prospects as effectively as, say, Southern California. It figures, Osborne pointed out, that a coaching staff with daily access to a prospect can make a better judgement than a staff which must travel hundreds of miles to see a prospect. With hundreds of prospects in Los Angeles, USC can normally secure the 10 or 12 low-risk blue chippers it needs by signing only 20-25 prospects, Osborne theorized. To wind up with 10-12 comparable blue chippers, a Big Eight school must gamble and sign 45 or 50, Osborne said.

It annoys Big Eight coaches, particularly Switzer, to hear John McKay of USC, who likes the rule, say the limits should not affect any well-organized staff.

"Southern Cal has more blue chippers within 30 miles of their campus every year than our state will produce in 10 years," Switzer said. "It is ridiculous to say because the 30 limit is good for Southern Cal, it is good for everybody. With their population, Southern Cal is not a fair comparison with us."

Georgia Tech head football coach, Pepper Rodgers, should have a more objective view after coaching in three different parts of the country. Rodgers was an assistant at

BARRY SWITZER
Oklahoma

AL ONOFRIO
Missouri

BEAR BRYANT
Alabama

JOHN McKAY
Southern Cal

PEPPER RODGERS,
Georgia Tech

National Championships?

UCLA, head coach at Kansas and then head coach at UCLA before moving to his alma mater this year. Rodgers found his ideas about recruiting changed as he changed jobs.

He doubted it was necessary to sign 45 freshmen every year when he began his four-year stint at KU. UCLA recruited only 20 freshmen a year and thrived; Kansas could too, he thought. But he learned, painfully what was true in Los Angeles was not true in Lawrence. Though Rodgers is inclined to agree with the Big Eight coaches' view on population, he thinks Big Eight schools, especially OU and Nebraska, have advantages which neutralize the population handicap.

"You must remember," Rodgers said, "whether it's John McKay or a Big Eight coach talking about this thing, they are all looking out for themselves. Without any question, though, it was much easier to find blue chippers at UCLA than it was at Kansas. But I am not sure it is easier at UCLA than it is at Oklahoma or Nebraska.

"There are some advantages in the Big Eight. For one thing, as many of their teams can go to bowls as get invitations. Most of them don't have to compete with the pros and that gives them the whole stage to themselves; the tradition, the sellout crowds and the publicity. And, Nebraska doesn't even have another school in their state to compete with. I can't get up too much sympathy with those folks. They have the attractions to get great players and I don't think they will be hurt very much."

Gibson does not think the rule "will hurt a bit, because it's a national rule. Everyone else will be limited, too, and people in the Big Eight are spending so much money on their programs I can't see the league falling off.'

Gibson admitted he thought "a more realistic figure would be 35. But I definitely thought 45 was too many. A lot of years we had a hard time finding 45 prospects to give scholarships to. Thirty-five ought to be enough for everybody. It will help the bottom rug teams more, but Nebraska and Oklahoma will still have the best chance to dominate because it will be easier for them to fill up in a hurry."

Mallory thinks "Oklahoma and Nebraska will always be up there, but this rule may be a way to even things out. It may stop schoo from just gobbling up players on a mass scale. I think there has been a lot of that in the past by some of the successful schools that could afford to have huge squads."

Nebraska has been criticized—and envied— for having an army that sometimes reportedly numbered almost 200 players, including an inordinate number of walkons. "People have been critical of us," Osborne conceded, "for having big squads, and it's true that being the only school in our state we get more walkons than other schools in the conference."

"But I think a more valid reason we've had big squads is that we have done a good job of keeping the players in school. We don't use freshmen on the scout team. Using freshmen on the scout team is what causes them to quit. Also, our academic councelors do a good job of keeping on top of our players. What people are forgetting is that it means we will be educating fewer people, and isn't that what a university is supposed to do? I think it is morally wrong if some day we have to cut players off scholarship just to meet a limit of 105."

Bear Bryant of Alabama saw the 30-grant limit as, "one more effort to pull the haves down with the have nots. But it won't work any better than all those other plans have," said the Bear. "You'll find out the same people who have had successful programs will continue to have them. It's just that some kids won't get to go to the schools of their choices."

Switzer pointed out 12 starters, including AllAmericans Lucious Selmon and Rod Shoate plus quarterback Steve Davis, on OU's 1973 championship team were among the marginal 15 of their 45-man recruiting classes.

"Marginal prospects who became great players have meant the difference for us," Switzer said. "With the 45 limit we could sign some marginal prospects. But with the 30 limit everybody is after the same players. You spend all your time on blue chippers and can't afford to gamble on marginal players. We would never have signed Lucious, Shoate and Davis with the 30 limit."

Onofrio said, "I'd hate to think where we would have been in the past without players who would never have been recruited if we'd had a 30 limit. But as much as I dislike the 30 limit, I'd rather see the 105 limit eliminated. I think it would be more beneficial to the institution, the players and the football program to have no total limit. How can you cut a plyer who has followed all the rules?"

Switzer said, "I want to be around to see the people who put this rule in when they hear the mommas and daddys of players who have been cut to meet the 105 limit. I bet they won't think its such a good rule then."

However, Oklahoma State athletic director and former coach Floyd Gass fears "no one will have to worry about getting down to 105." Gass, who is against the rule, pointed to the attrition rate and said, "unless things change from the recent national average, teams are more apt to be struggling to have 90 players than to cut down to 105. You would have to average keeping 25 from every class, plus the 30 freshmen, to have 105, and I don't think you can ever expect to do that."

The attrition rate and the built-in restrictiveness of the rule disturbs Stanley. There are no provisions to replace a player whose career is terminated by injury or who quits. Only new players can be added each year, regardless of how depleted a team might become through unexpected developments.

"Let's say," Stanley said, "that we as coaches miss on five players and they can't play, and four others quit and three flunk out and four get hurt. That freshman class has pretty much washed out, and your program is in trouble and you can't do anything about it." Fambrough thinks attrition will result in "everybody having to rush their freshmen into playing. I opposed the freshman rule and didn't think freshmen could play in this conference. I was proven wrong. The exceptional ones can. But I still don't like the idea of having to count on freshmen."

Bruce said he "considers the 30 limit a critical issue that will hurt our conference greatly if it's not changed. I think it is imperative that the rule be changed."

So do his peers. But they are not optimistic. "I'm afraid we are stuck with it for several years," says former Nebraska coach Bob Devaney. "When conferences like the Big 10 and Atlantic Coast are accustomed to working with those limits," Stanley said, "and schools like Southern Cal, Notre Dame and Penn State like it and a lot of church and private schools like it, I can't think it's going to be changed" Bruce said, "I can see squads getting awfully thin and two-platoon bail might be threatened."

Osborne thought this was an unfounded fear. "I see no reason to think we can't continue with two platoon ball," Osborne said. "The pros do it with fewer than 50 players. Surely, we can do it, even if we only have 80 or 90 players."

The coaches take issue with those who think the rule is a financial blessing. "The schools who don't want to pay for athletic excellence like the rules" Switzer said. "But they weren't spending that much, anyway. All they really want is to bring us down to their level."

Onofrio said, "I think it's fine to have limits in conferences where they cannot afford a lot of scholarships. But that isn't the case in the Big Eight. We should be allowed to set our own limits, rather than have others set them for us, as was the case with the 30 rule."

Osborne said, "things that are done to save money are usually bad. Sooner or later it will show up on the field and then at the box office, and then you lose a lot more than you save by cutting out a few scholarshipsm.

The savings of 15 fewer scholarships will be largely offset by the increase in recruiting expenses," most coaches think. The accelerated quest for blue chippers means more and longer trips; thus expenses cascade. Stanley and Switzer said it cost their schools more to recruit 30 this year than 45 last year. "I'd guess we spent more on recruiting this year than ever," Fambrough said. Onofrio, Bruce and Osborne guessed it was the same at their schools. Fambrough said, "it used to be that you had to see a good prospect once a week to keep on top of things. This year we found we had to see him every day." Stanley said, "you have to live with them to get the good ones and now the good ones are the only ones you can afford to go after."

Gibson admitted, "the rule won't save much money." Mallory supposed, "we spent more at Colorado than they have in the past but I am not convinced it will be necessary to spend more in the future." Onofrio said, "the only thing that saved us was moving the national signing date up to March. If we'd had to go until April or May for the national date we would have had huge increases in recruiting expenses."

The most distasteful repercussion of the rule, the coaches admit is the increase in cheating and bad mouthing. Osborne said he did not notice "any more infractions than usual and I think I recruited more than most head coaches It seemed about usual to me." But the other coaches thought differently. Switzer said, "it was the most competitive recruiting year I've ever seen. Fambrough said, "it was vicious; not so many illegal things, but a lot more bad mouthing. But most of what we ran into did not come from our conference."

Mallory said, "being new I can't say there was more. But there was more than I had every seen at Miami. There was some hanky panky and bad mouthing. It was very aggravating and frustrating." Bruce said, "the corruption was really something."

The usually reserved Onofrio was the most outspoken. "We know more cheating is going on now," he said. "It's there. Everybody is after the same players, and it's bad. What concerns me is that everybody is talking about cheating and giving our game a black eye; what we need to do is stop talking about it and do something to stop it."

Onofrio has a plan. He said the idea was Fambrough's. He would seek law and order by having conferences hire special investigators (preferably ex-coaches) and crack down on convicted cheaters with fierce penalties. He would penalize both players and coaches and prohibit a school on probation, from sharing in revenues with other conference members and strip it of scholarships, depending on the severity of the infraction.

"If the cheaters are penalized severely they will do less cheating," Onofrio said. "I think the player must assume more responsiblity. When he signs a letter of intent I think he ought to also sign a letter saying he will be declared permanently ineligible by the NCAA if it is proven he received illegal aide or was improperly admitted. If he realized this and if a coach knew he would be fired and maybe banned from coaching, they would stop it. But it won't stop as long as so few are caught and the penalties are so light."

Perhaps thinking of North Carolina States NCAA basketball champions and superstar David Thompson, Onofrio said, "when a convicted bank robber gets out of prison he doesn't get to spend the money he stole. But a school can get on probation for cheating on a player and then use the player to win a championship. It isn't right."

Bruce endorsed Onofrio's maximum penalty proposal "It's up to the coaches who don't cheat to clean this thing up," Bruce said. "If we don't, it's going to kill college football. The 30 limit didn't introduce cheating. But it seemed to increase cheating. That's a good reason to change the limits. I hope we get it changed, not just for the benefit of the Big Eight, but for the benefit of college football."

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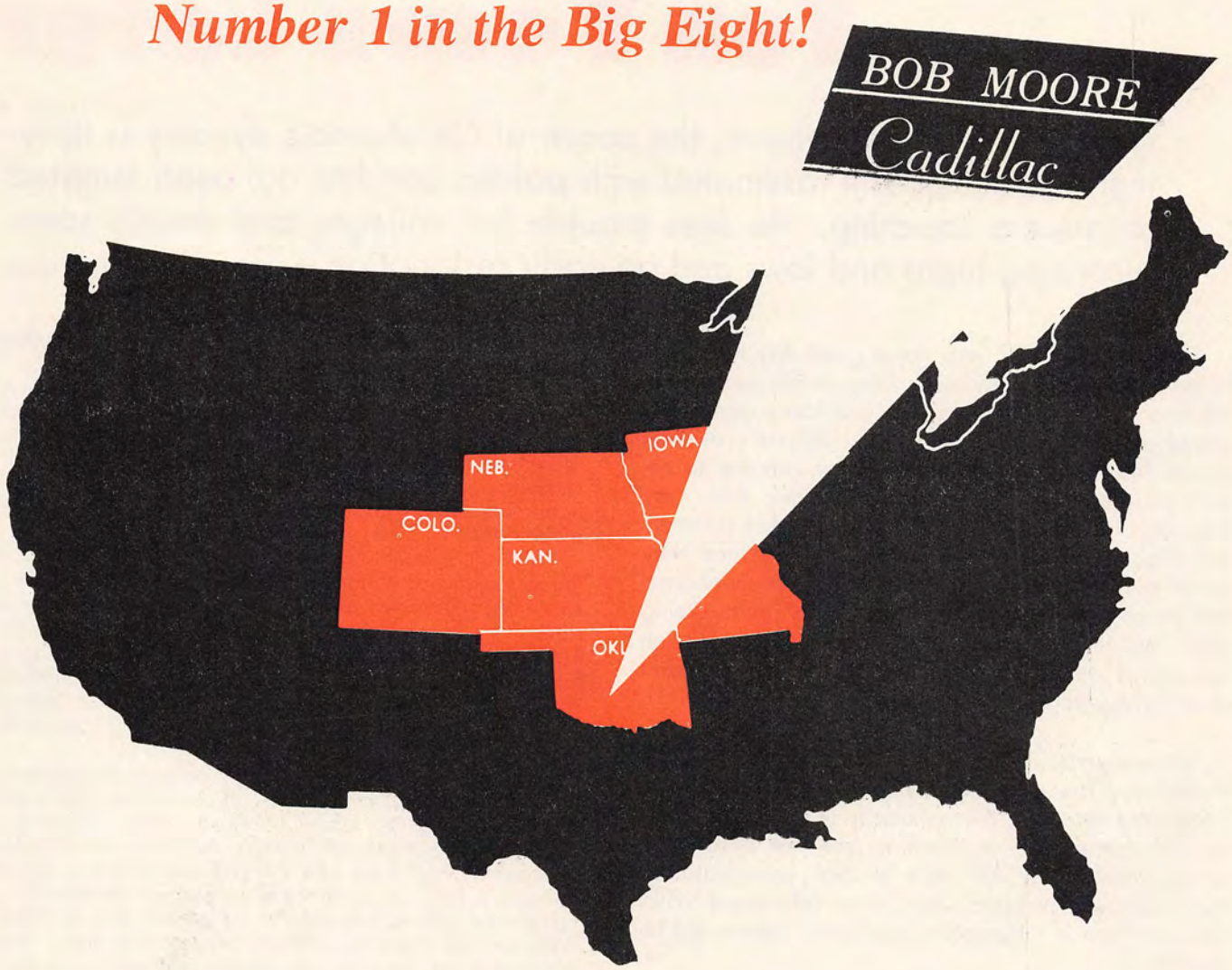

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WILKINSON— Ten Years Later

A decade after retirement, the coach of Oklahoma's dynasty is thriving in business, still fascinated with politics and has not been tempted to resume coaching. He sees trouble for colleges and recalls some surprising highs and lows and an early resignation. By BILL CONNORS *Tulsa World*

October 14, 1972, was not a good day for Oklahoma State. The Cowboys fumbled at the goal line in the final minute at Virginia Tech and lost a game that would cost them a bowl bid. The broadcast crew and sports information director Pat Quinn, unable to return on the team charter, had to make their way from Blacksburg to Stillwater via a series of commercial flight changes and layovers. By the time they made a final change in Dallas someone mentioned the plane would probably crash. But upon seeing Bud Wilkinson board the same flight, Quinn quipped, "we've got it made. This plane wouldn't dare crash with Bud Wilkinson on it."

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November 3, 1973, was a big day for Howard Humphrey. The most heavily recruited schoolboy in Oklahoma attended the nationally-televised Nebraska-Oklahoma game at Norman and was introduced to Bud Wilkinson, ABC-tv's football commentator. Humphrey was puzzled when other addressed Wilkinson as "coach." Humphrey inquired, "where did he coach?"

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TEN YEARS SINCE CHARLES BURNHAM WILKINSON retired from coaching he remains a celebrated figure whose identity varies by generation.

To those who carry the scars of his monumental success at Oklahoma, there still is in the erudite, Hollywood-handsome consultant to Presidents a suggested mystique that legions felt in the fifties; a feeling that Bud Wilkinson always gets the wind in the fourth quarter, is never rained on, always goes through life in style, never loses and whose plane will never crash.

To those familiar with the man who since 1965 has analyzed violent games with lotion tones, Wilkinson is a rarity who can wear conservative suits and short sideburns and still be the first man everyone notices in a hotel lobby.

To the dispassionate, Wilkinson's name is etched on the honor roll of coaches and he might have rivaled Will Rogers as an Oklahoma legend but for four mistakes. Wilkinson's alleged mistakes: 1. Scheduling Notre Dame; 2. Recommending Texas hire Darrell Royal; 3. Taking his 1959 team to a Chicago night club for dinner two nights before the season opener, and 4. Becoming a Republican.

A decade since the thunder ended, the 58-year-old Wilkinson maintains the same pace and mode that made him gray and famous before he was 40. He is a highly-organized, charismatic dynamo who follows the same self-challenging credo as when his life revolved around autumn Saturdays. He just happens to be in a new game. As usual, he is thriving.

Wilkinson is chairman of the board of Planned Marketing Associates, a corporation he formed in 1971 after a stint in Washington as president of the Lifetime Sports Foundation and a consultant to President Nixon. In January, PMA became a subsidiary of S. S. Kresge, a giant retailing firm which is No. 3 nationally in its field. PMA is primarily involved in insurance. Wilkinson defines his role as "policy, planning and reference." He said, "basically, we make money and save money for our clients."

Wilkinson travels extensively. His office is in Oklahoma City. "But I should live in Dallas," he admitted, "because I spend so much time there." Wilkinson insists on living in Oklahoma City, where he and his wife Mary own a duplex and can be near their sons Pat and Jay and four granddaughters. Pat is an optometrist whose practice is in Oklahoma City. Jay is employed in Oklahoma City by PMA. Wilkinson describes his position as "exciting and I thoroughly enjoy it. But I can not categorically say this is what I will do the remainder of my working life."

A prominent Republican in Oklahoma who was active in Wilkinson's unsuccessful U. S. Senate race in 1964 doubts "Bud will return to politics, because he is getting rich" from PMA, plus television (he also does Exxon commercials), coaching clinics and investments. However, Wilkinson said, I want to leave the door open to politics. I am still fascinated, but I think the clock is running out on me." Apparently, a competitive man whose 17-year record in one jungle was .833 finds it grating to be .000 the only time he carried the ball in another jungle.

The political bug infected Wilkinson after President Kennedy appointed him to direct the President's Council on Physical Fitness in 1961. He supervised the project, which kept him in Washington much of the off season, through JFK's assassination in '63. He thinks the program had an alerting effect on the public. "Now when I jog around our neighborhood people don't stare at me, because so many others do it," Wilkinson smiled. "It did not used to be that way."

BUD ON THE SIDELINES during the 1959 game with Nebraska when the Cornhuskers ended Oklahoma!s undefeated string at 74.

Wilkinson said his "first experience in Washington had an impact on my thinking and stimulated my interests in a political career." Reared as a Republican in Minnesota, Wilkinson registered as a Democrat in Oklahoma, where the GOP was substantially out-numbered. He admired Truman and Kennedy and voted for Eisenhower. By the time he made his decision to take the political plunge he concluded his conservative policies were incompatible with Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. So, he became a Republican in a state of Democrats in the year of Goldwater, and lost to a flaming liberal (Fred Harris, who became unpopular and did not seek re-election).

In retrospect, Wilkinson said, "it was probably a blessing I lost. I can see now I would have had a difficult time living in Washington the way a U. S. Senator is expected to live. I could not see it then, but I could after my second experience in Washington. I would never have gone the Agnew route, but I would have needed supplementary income. My financial base was fairly limited. It would have been uncomfortable."

Wilkinson's second experience in Washington followed his participation in Nixon's 1968 campaign. He became a special consultant to Nixon and had access to the President for the first half of 1969. But gradually Haldeman and Ehrlichman closed the isolation net and Wilkinson resigned in December of '70. He feels a sadness for Nixon. He also finds the Watergate developments deplorable.

Wilkinson said he has never been tempted—and had only a few offers to return to coaching. "I miss badly the tactics and strategy and the association with the players," he said. "But I do not miss the other things, especially recruiting. No one has ever been able to put a handle on recruiting. It is the coach's greatest responsibility and also his greatest problem.

Thanks to his television job and the Coach-of-Year clinics he and Duffy Daugherty co-sponsor with Eastman Kodak for four weekends each winter, Wilkinson has "never had to divorce myself from the game. I keep abreast of trends." This is one reason he hopes to do occasional work in the new format ABC has planned for this year's telecasts.

Wilkinson thinks contemporary teams are "infinitely better than when I coached." He said the Big Eight is "the best balanced conference. There are no weak teams in the Big Eight." He thought Nebraska's 1971 national champions "rate with the better teams of all time." It pleases him to see the Big Eight emphasize option offenses (The Wishbone is patterned after the Split-T he refined) and defense.

College football is "a marvelous game," Wilkinson said. But he thinks it is on a dangerous course, because of competition with the pros and a financial crunch. To stimulate interest, Wilkinson advocates a national championship playoff. To reduce expenses he advocates recruiting restrictions that would (1) limit to three the number of schools a prospect may visit, and (2) require prospects to sign a national letter by Feb. 15, or not be eligible for a scholarship that calendar year. He has another expense-reducing

OKLAHOMA's TWO COACHES, Gomer Jones and Bud Wilkinson in 1951.

suggestion which he knows is not popular: Return to one-platoon rules.

Wilkinson has other reasons for preferring one-platoon rules. "You can get beat in two-platoon," he said, "by a guy who isn't even a football player. If a Cliff Branch (Colorado) could also play defensive halfback I would not mind. But I think the game's character is sacrificed when a game is won by a track sprinter who does nothing except run down the field and catch a pass."

One-platoon coaching was "more enjoyable for me," Wilkinson said. It was also slightly more successful. The 31-game winning streak (1948-50) and the first of three national championships (1950) came during two-platoon rules. The historic 47-game winning streak (1953-57) and the national championships of 1955 and '56 came during one-platoon rules.

Wilkinson considers the 1956 and '49 (which was 11-0 and ranked No. 2) teams his best. He declined to select his best player. But he said halfback Billy Vessels, 1952 Heisman Trophy winner, "was the first player I had ever seen who was the fastest player on the field and also the physically toughest player on the field."

Of the 145 victories and only 29 defeats Wilkinson surprisingly selected as the most cherished conquest and most disappointing loss two games within five weeks of each other in the 5-5 season of 1961. A 15-21 loss at Norman to Iowa State was more depressing to Wilkinson than the streak-ending 0-7 loss in 1957 to Notre Dame because "we were better than Iowa State but lost because, as coaches, we failed to make a simple defensive adjustment and they scored 21 points in the first quarter. The most painful thing is to lose when you know you should have won. We played as well as we could against Notre Dame."

Using the same yardstick, a 7-0 conquest at Missouri in '61 was "unequivocally our greatest victory," Wilkinson said. More so, he explained than his only victory in six games with Notre Dame (40-0 at South Bend in '56), "because we had no business winning. Missouri was better than we were. We might have gone 1-9 that year had we lost at Missouri. That was the start of our comeback (To 5-5 and a conference championship in '62)."

In an 11 season span, from 1948 through 1958, Oklahoma won 107 games and lost only seven! The Sooners did not lose a conference game in Wilkinson's first 12 years! Then, beginning the second half of 1960 and extending through the first half of '61, Oklahoma lost nine of ten games! The fall of the empire was as surprising as it was sudden.

But the first crack came, in nightmarish fashion, at Northwestern in the 1959 opener. Two nights previously most of OU's players were stricken by food poisoning while having dinner at a Chicago night club. All the myths were shattered on game day. It was Wilkinson's worst day since he dodged Kamikaze attacks on the aircraft carrier Enterprise. It even rained, fiercely. Northwestern won, 45-13, and things were never again the same.

Some think if the Sooners had eaten elsewhere in Chicago and not left their confidence at Northwestern the dive might have never occurred. But there were telltale signs of a change. The Big Eight committment had begun. Royal's castle was rising and some Texas recruiting doors were closed to OU. There was a dropoff in OU's talent. Wilkinson blames his recruiting philosophy and the advent of the jet airplane.

"I believed we should confine our recruiting to our state and west Texas," Wilkinson said. "This area traditionally produced many fine players. But for a period it didn't. This happened about the time of the jet airplane, which changed recruiting. Any prospect was within a few hours of any campus. I suppose it was a lack of perceptiveness on my part that we did not attempt to recruit nationally."

By then Wilkinson had begun to think about changing professions, but privately vowed to stay put until Oklahoma regained its place in the sun. After the sophomoric 1962 team surprised by winning the Big Eight championship, Wilkinson confided to Dr. George L. Cross, OU president, he planned to retire after the '63 season. "He said he just couldn't get himself up for the games," Dr. Cross recalled. Published rumors that Wilkinson had already decided to run for the Senate had a distracting effect on his final team, a disappointing 8-2 runnerup to Nebraska. Wilkinson says he did not reach a decision about the Senate race until after the season was over. He resigned in January of '64.

Unknown to most, that was the second time Wilkinson resigned. Dr. Cross disclosed Wilkinson submitted his resignation "sometime in the late 50's to enter industry in a public relations capacity. I persuaded him to change his mind. I have his letter of resignation in my scrapbook."

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Dr. Cross, who retired in 1968, also confirmed OU officials "unanimously preferred" Willkinson over Jim Tatum, when the latter was hired in 1946. Tatum brought his blond-haired, 29-year-old Navy associate with him for the interview. Within 20 minutes the OU board wished Wilkinson, whose refinement contrasted with Tatum's crudeness, had been the applicant. Tatum was hired and instructed to select Wilkinson as an assistant. Wilkinson, who was an assistant at Syracuse and Minnesota before the war, was debating whether to accept his father's invitation to join his brokerage firm in Minneapolis ("I was not enamored with it") or to coach ("Which I preferred"). As OU backfield coach, Wilkinson installed the Split-T, which he and Tatum learned from Missouri's Don Faurot at Iowa PreFlight.

Tatum was at OU only one year. It was an artistic success (8-3, Big Six co-championship and Gator Bowl), but a financial and public relations disaster. He overspent his budget by $113,000, antagonized the administration and made prohibitive demands. When Tatum departed for Maryland, OU waved him goodbye much as it would a tornado. As a replacement Oklahoma considered no one except Wilkinson. Luckily he was available. Two weeks earlier Drake bypassed him. Dr. Cross flew in the private plane of a regent to Jacksonville, Fla., site of the Gator Bowl, and offered Wilkinson a three-year contract at $10,000. Wilkinson asked for a four-year contract. "I wasn't authorized to give him four years," Dr. Cross said, "but I did. I knew we were getting something special."

What Oklahoma got was the pacesetter of that class of young lions (Bryant, Tatum, Hayes, Gillman, Wyatt, Schwartzwaler) who came out of World War II and revolutionized football. None had the early impact of Wilkinson. He was instrumental in changing the image of coaches from tobacco chewers in sweat shirts to tailored, uptown types. He pioneered coaches' tv shows. He was copied and honored and envied. With the assistance of line coach Gomer Jones, whom he hired from Nebraska, Wilkinson made the Split-T offense and the 5-4 defense landmark formations. To recruiting rivals, he seemed illegal. He not only had the best record, but also the best profile and the best smile and best image.

BUD WATCHES during a Sooner field goal try against Clemson at Norman in 1963. It missed.

"Some coaches gave their presidents a bad time," Dr. Cross said. "But Wilkinson was a perfect gentleman. He never made an improper request. He was not extravagant. When he became athletic director our financial worries ended. The most impressive statistic to me was not the 47-game winning streak but that 91 per cent of his players graduated. He felt strongly about this and that is how we got our first probation. Bud came to me with a plan to provide part-time jobs to players who had completed their eligibility and needed some financing to get their degrees. I thought it was a wonderful idea and approved it. But the NCAA interpreted it as a five year scholarship and put us on probation.

"Bud never gave me a problem, except worrying about keeping him. In later years we had it in his contract he could not coach anywhere else. But earlier I worried, because everybody wanted to hire him."

Wilkinson said he considered moving to only three schools"-Harvard, Navy and Minnesota, his alma mater. He said each stopped short of a formal offer after hearing his proposals.

"I am happy they did," he chuckled.

Twenty seven years after it all started and ten years since it ended, so is Oklahoma. 8

COACH AND FORMER PLAYER (Crowder)

LEE SNIDER
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LANCE VAN ZANDT
Defensive Coordinator

In the wake of reshuffling his coahching staff, where bitter resentment would seam only natural, Jim Stanley has perhaps the strangest 13-man admiration society in college coaching circles.

THE NEW MENTORS

By BOB HARTZELL *Tulsa Tribune*

ON THE SECOND CONTACT PLAY of the first day of practice last spring, sophomore-to-be Phil Dokes—perhaps Oklahoma State's best football player—routinely wiped out two offensive linemen and stopped the ball carrier at the line of scrimmage.

The 6-foot-5, 250-pound Dokes stayed on the ground for about five seconds—probably comtemplating the joys of once again being allowed to hit people legally.

Suddenly Dokes felt himself being picked up by the collar of his shoulder pads at the back of his neck. He found himself looking into the face of 5-foot-11, 180-pound defensive line coach Bill Turnbow—a face that, at the moment, appeared to offer the viewer no more than an open mouth and a huge chew of tobacco.

"Come on, come on!" shouted Turnbow. "You can't live all day on one play. We have a lot of plays to run. You have to hustle."

"If you could suit HIM up," opined one sideline observer, pointing to Turnbow, "you would have a helluva defense.

"Oh, no," said defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt, "I saw him play football and, believe me, he's a better coach than he was a player."

Van Zandt's remark might have been a tougue-in-cheek insult to Turnbow's playing abilities in bygone days at Texas Tech. But it also was a compliment from one member to another member of what has to be one of the strangest 13-man admiration societies in college coaching circles.

A pessimist could have a ball forecasting doom for the 1974 Cowboys by merely looking at the possibilities for dissension within the coaching staff.

On the staff are Don Riley, the 1973 offensive coordinator now relegated to coaching defensive linebackers; Turnbow, who sacrificed what he felt was a good job as a defensive coordinator at Memphis State to come to OSU for the same position, only to see it given to Van Zandt; Gene Henderson, who left as the defensive coordinator at Florida State and mass publicized as the next OSU defensive coordinator, only to find himself coaching the offensive backs; Van Zandt, last year's defensive secondary coach who probably could work up a resentment over the fact that — publicly, at least—everyone was considered for the defensive coordinator position but him; four-year assistant Lee Snider, who has longed to be offensive coordinator, only to be pushed past that position and into the largely administrative job of assistant head coach, and Don Boyce, who moved up from offensive line coach to offensive coordinator only to find an offensive mind such as Snider in a position to look over his shoulder.

And the pessimists could be partially right. The Cowboys could have trouble competing for the Big Eight conference title in 1974. They could have trouble because of the presence of conference powers Oklahoma, Nebraska and Missouri; the inexperience of sophomore quarterback Charlie Weatherbie, and the loss of seven defensive starters—six of whom signed professional football contracts.

But it is doubtful any problems will be caused by dissension within the strangely aligned coaching staff. The assistants proved to the satisfaction of Stanley—and themselves—during the spring that they are, indeed, compatible.

The main reason for the compatability has be to Stanley, himself a study in contrast. Stanley is quiet, almost passive in appearance. He has received criticism because he doesn't have the bubbly, wise-cracking personality of Barry Switzer, head coach of arch-rival Oklahoma. Stanley is no TV personality.

But he commands respect from his assistants and players. He is a man's man, as his background as a lineman for Paul (Bear) Bryant's Texas A&M team and an assistant for former OSU taskmaster Phil Cutchin would indicate.

However, Stanley does not strike fear into the hearts of those who play or work for him.

When head coach Dave Smith defected to SMU after the 1972 season, many of the players wanted Snider, the coach closest to them, to get the head job. But the defensive ends, who Stanley worked most with while serving as defensive coordinator, were behind Stanley.

"You know where you stand," said defensive end Tony Buck at the time. "He chews you out when you mess up, but he'll also pat you on the back when you do a good job."

Stanley's assistants feel much the same way about him. "I feel very comfortable ," says Snider. "Jim is great to work for. You always know what he wants. You never get

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caught wondering what you're supposed to be doing. When you get caught like that, it makes for an uncomfortable situation."

Such respect from those who work for him is the only explanation available as to why Riley was willing to stay on the staff with what had to be considered a demotion, why Turnbow was willing to take the defensive line job after finishing second in the battle for the defensive coordinator position, why Boyce does not worry about having Snider over him and why none of the other coaches question the strange alignment of responsibilities.

Stanley was pressured to make a change in the offensive coordinator's job after the Cowboys' wishbone offense failed to click in several Big Eight games last season. Stanley did not think the problem rested with the offensive coordinator. He thought it rested with injuries to quarterback Brent Blackman and split end Steve Pettes and a sub-par year by junior fullback George Palmer.

"I asked Don (Riley) if he would coach the linebackers because I knew he was a good coach and I didn't want to lose him," says Stanley.

Riley was willing to accept the change. "I suppose it's like playing," he says. "I always liked playing, no matter what position I played. And I like coaching, no matter what position I coach. I coached the linebackers here two years ago, and I enjoy it."

"If you're working within an organization, you have to work where it's best for that organization."

Turnbow's presence on the OSU staff came about by the strangest turn of events of all. Turnbow was happy with his lot as defensive coordinator of what he thought was an up and coming program at Memphis State. But he decided to interview for the defensive coordinator's job at OSU when Bum Phillips left the post for the same job, at an unbelievable salary, with the professional Houston Oilers.

Memphis State coach Fred Pancoast, who already had lost two assistants to other schools, was not crazy about the idea. He told Turnbow the job at Memphis State might not be open when Turnbow returned from the Oklahoma State interview.

It wasn't.

And Turnbow was momentarily out of work when he lost out on the defensive coordinator's job at OSU.

"If you're going to bring someone in over the people on your staff, you had better be sure he is definitely better than the people you already have," says Stanley. "I just had a gut feeling that I should promote Lance."

Turnbow was willing to accept the situation. "I feel no animosity toward coach Pancoast or coach Stanley," he says. "I can understand coach Pancoast's feelings, and I appreciate coach Stanley hiring me as defensive line coach. I'm just going to try to to do the best job I can for him."

Van Zandt thinks Turnbow's best during his first spring with the Cowboys was super. "He's a great coach," says Van Zandt, "a great motivator."

The defensive staff feels a solid comradery, partly perhaps, because Van Zandt has come through the ranks at such places as West Texas, Texas A&M and Rice. He knows how assistant coaches feel.

"Everyone wants to have individual responsibilities," says Van Zandt. "Everyone wants to feel he's important to our program. And everyone on our staff is important. We talk football all the time. I think it's a great staff."

"I respect the guys on this staff. If someone has a better idea than I do about how we should do something, I go for it. I've been there. I know how much it means to you if you feel you're contributing something."

The offensive staff appears to have much the same feeling. Boyce soft-peddles his position as offensive coordinator. "I suppose we could have problems if no one got along with each other," he says. "But we get along."

"It's my responsibility, but a lot of it just involves making out schedules for practice and all. We have a good offensive staff, offensive minds like Snider and Henderson. We all share in the decisions."

Henderson moved from defense to offense of his own accord. An offensive genius as a high school coach at Nederland, Texas, Henderson has been wanting to return to offense since he started coaching college football seven years ago.

"I tried a couple of times to return to offense," he says, "but I seemed to be branded as a defensive coach. I had a few good years on defense, but I don't think my heart was ever in it. I stay awake at night now, thinking about offense. I never did that with defense. I just like offense better. Jim gave me my choice and I never hesitated before telling him I wanted to be on the offensive staff."

Snider admittedly always had ambitions to become an offensive coordinator, but he also wants to become a head coach. He feels it should be easier to move up from assistant head coach than from offensive coordinator.

"I like the way things are set up now," he says. "Certainly, I would have liked to take Brent (Blackman, whom Snider coached in high school) as offensive coordinator work with him for three years. But I'm working with the quarterbacks now, and I really enjoy it."

"There is no conflict in jobs between Don (Boyce) and myself. It's my job to look at the total picture and check things out. But Don makes the final decisions about the offense. On offense, it is just my job to search out what we can and can't do with the quarterbacks we have."

"I have total confidence in Don. He really understands the wishbone. I was not at all disappointed when he was selected as offensive coordinator. I have never been associated with a better offensive line coach.

"Things have just fallen into place for this staff. I think everyone feels comfortable. Henderson and Bobby Cole have the running baeks. Henderson has a great offensive mind and Cole is an outstanding blocking teacher. Hugh McCrabb knows what he's doing, helping Don with the offensive line, and Harold Richardson (receiver coach) is a former receiver himself."

"And we've seen in the past what the defensive staff (Van Zandt, Turnbow, Riley, end coaches Doug Cathey, and Wade Phillips, secondary assistant Mark Hatley and linebacker assistant Greg Mahns) can do."

Stanley, too, is happy with the setup. "Some coaches believe in making their offensive or defensive coordinators assistant head coaches," he says. "It's just a personal preference, but I would rather have a separate assistant head coach, so he won't be entirely offensive or entirely defensive minded."

"I thought Lee was perfect for the position. He is just good people. He has been effective wherever he has been. He can communicate with other assistants and the players.

"I think we have our assistants where they will be most effective. And I'm not worried about who has what titles. If we win, there will be enough glory for all."

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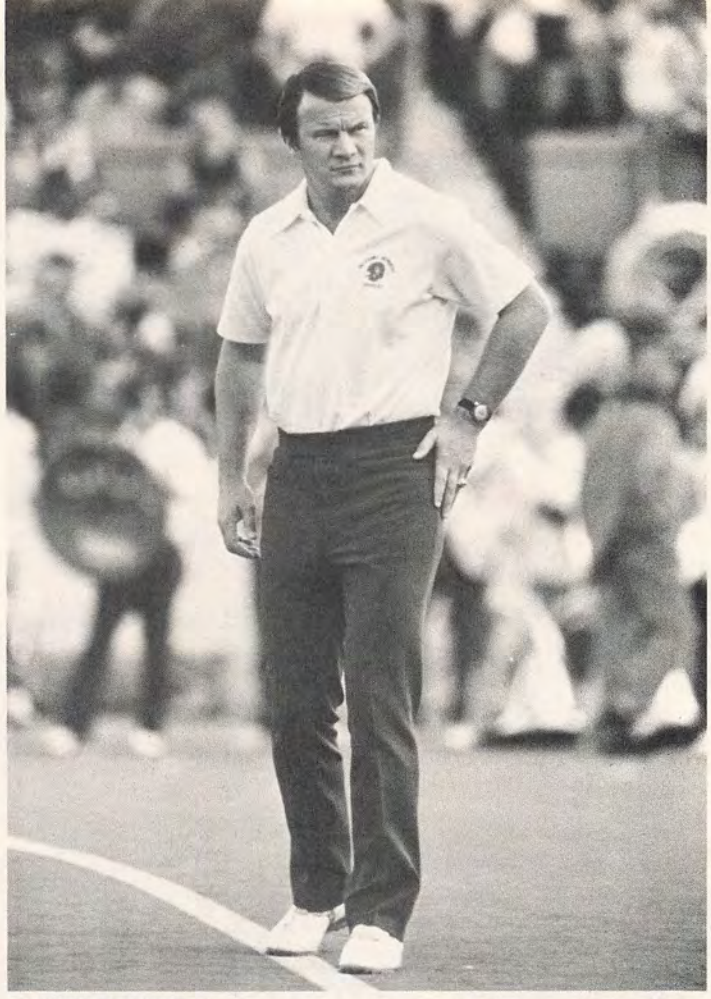

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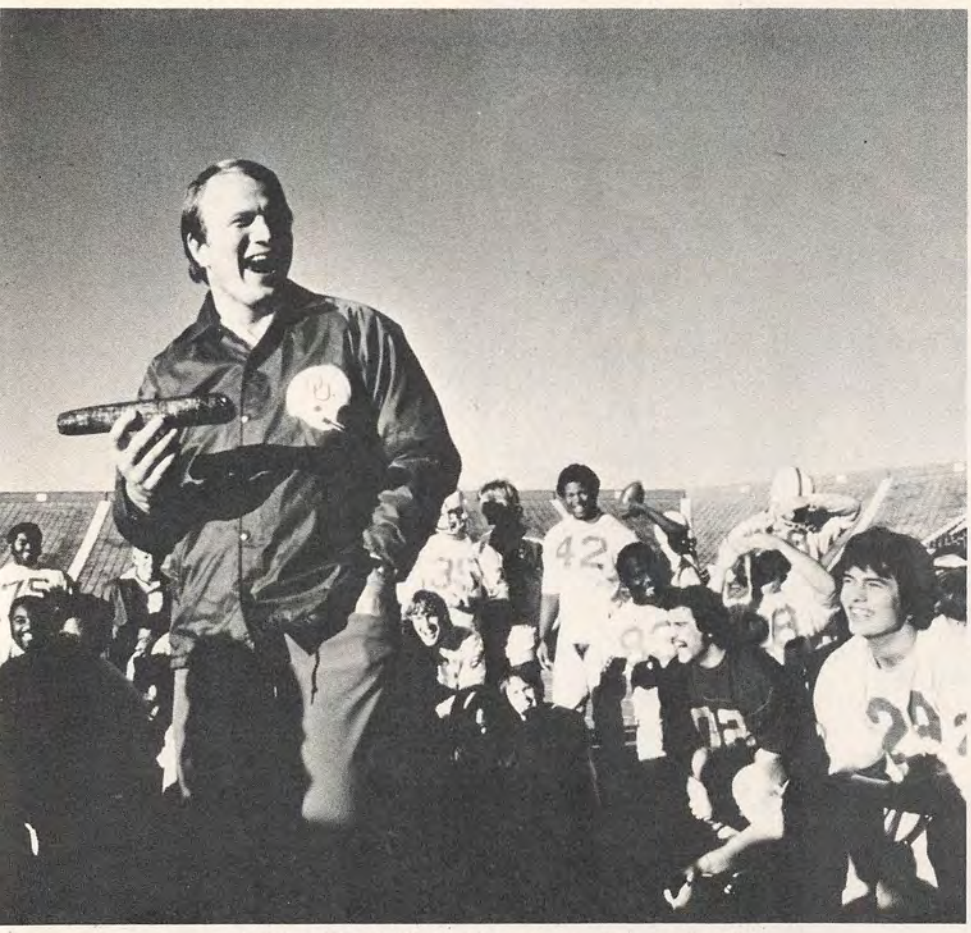

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GALEN HALL (front), Donny Duncan, and Jimmy Helms (pointing) comprise the infamous Sooner Brain Trust.

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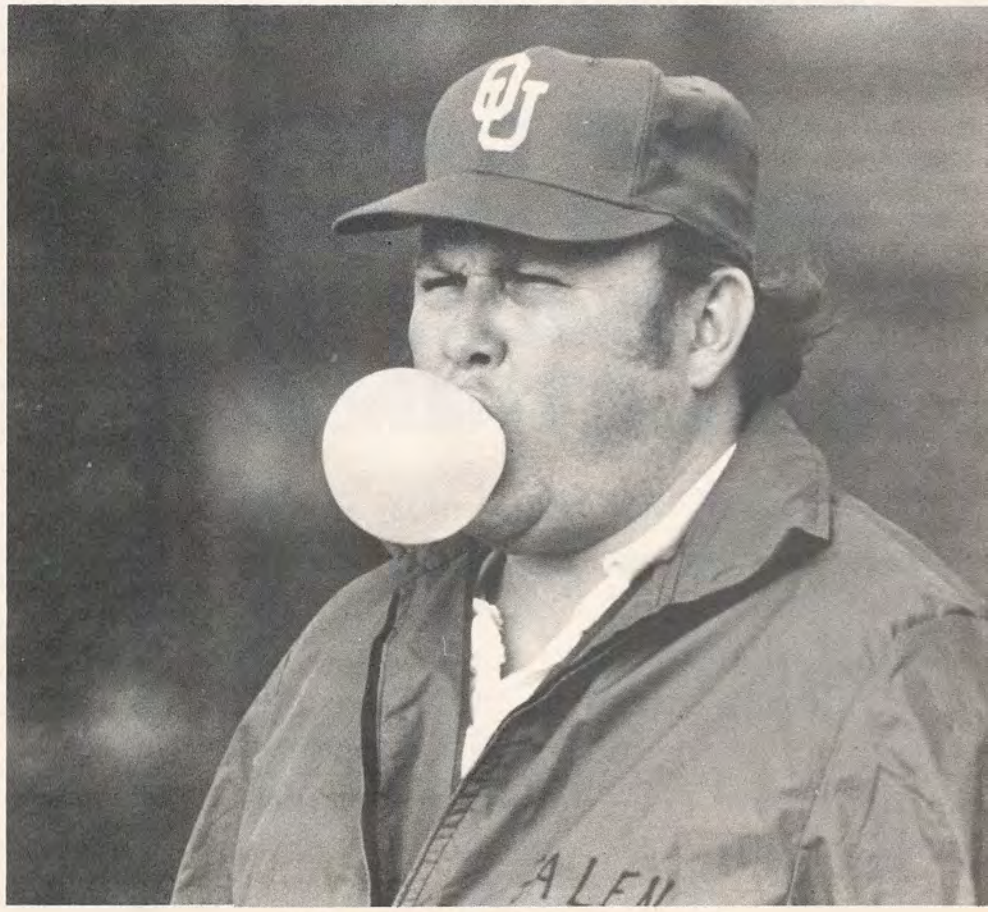

HO, HUM, ANOTHER GAME with the Cowboys.

ELVIS PEACOCK (44) is an intimidating figure at 6-2, 200 with 9.4 speed.

THE LAND RUSH IS ON AGAIN IN OKLAHOMA

Two of the nations most sought after running backs preped at Miami, Florida, and Colorado Springs, and after a torrid recruiting trail, finally settled in the wide-open spaces of Oklahoma, not 85 miles apart.

By AL ESCHBACH *Oklahoma Journal*

THEY BOTH TRAVELED the same road. At the end they took separate paths that left them only 85 miles apart. They learned quite a big from the trip they took. And when it was over, both were very happy.

Terry Miller and Elvis Peacock happen to be two of the most sought-after running backs in the country. The excursion they went on was a recruiting trip.

Miller and Peacock were regarded as two of the top four halfbacks in the country. The other two were Jerry Eckwood of Brinkley, (Arkansas) and Willie Wilson of Summit, New Jersey (Maryland).

The pair traveled all over the country. When the visits were over, both decided Oklahoma was the state they liked best.

Miller, the Colorado Springs All-American decided he wanted to spend his next four years at Stillwater and Peacock, the All-American from Miami, Florida thought Norman would be the most rewarding place for him during the upcoming football seasons.

Both stirred up quite a bit of conversation in the heated recruiting battle. Miller, because after he signed, the Big Eight had an investigation into a car loan he received from a Yukon bank.

And Peacock kept the recruiters busy and curious because he never signed a letter until late April.

"I kinda thought there would be trouble after I signed with Oklahoma State," said the very personable Miller. "I made a lot of people at the University of Colorado mad at me."

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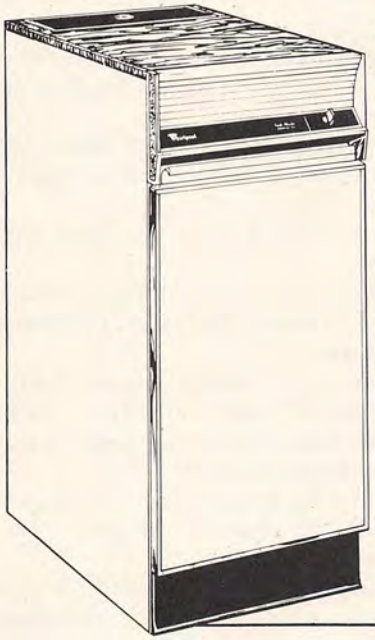

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"I wasn't surprised by all the trouble that the car loan created. It was Colorado who turned Oklahoma State in."

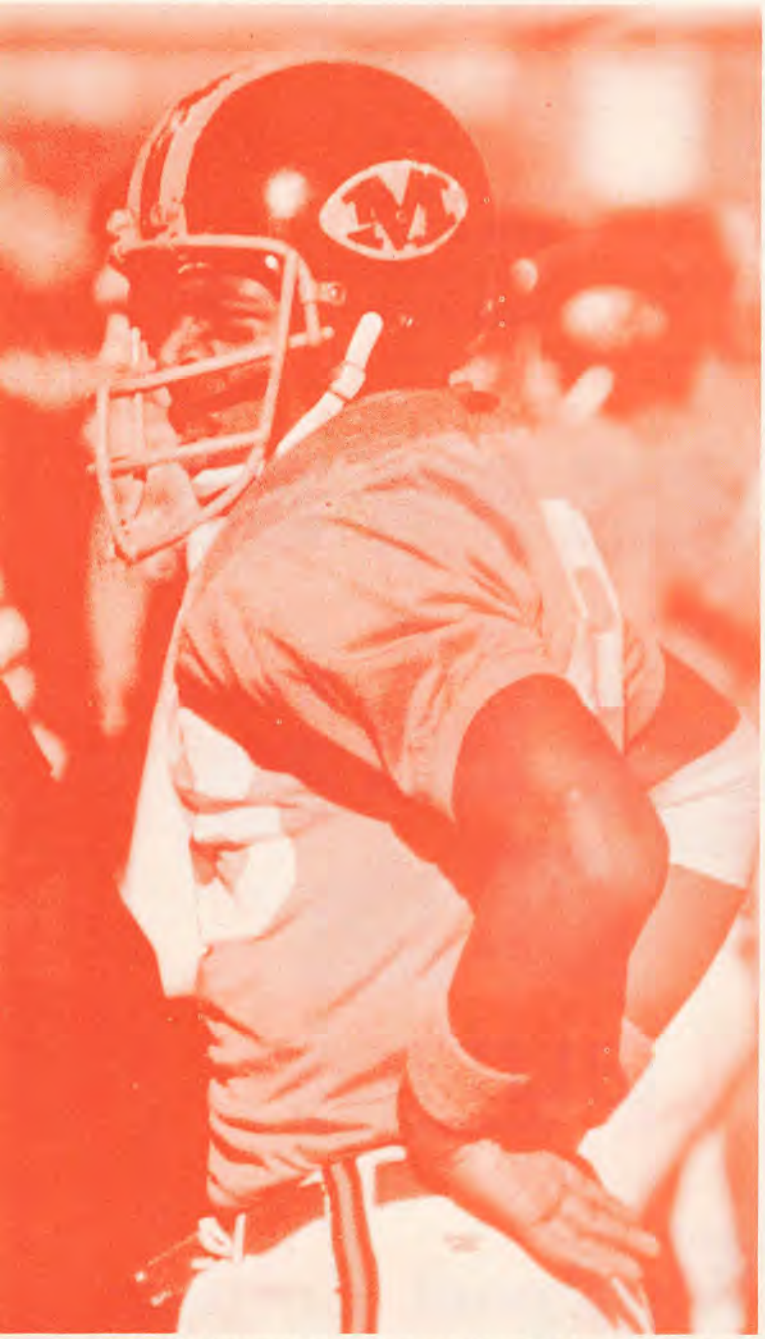
Peacock gave his reasons why he waited so long before he put his signature down on a piece of paper.

"It's a pretty big decision as to where you're going to spend your next four years," said the soft-spoken Peacock. "I just wasn't sure about a lot of things."

"Then at the end it was just a matter of trying to convince my parents that Oklahoma was the place for me. I was really pretty happy when the entire thing was over with."

Miller is a 6-0, 180-pounder who has run the 100 in 9.6 and the 220 in 21.4.

During Terry's senior year he gained 2,779 yards rushing and scored 37 touchdowns. He averaged 8.9 yards every time he carried a football. As a junior he romped for 500 yards and put nine touchdowns on the scoreboard.



TERRY MILLER carried the ball between 30 and 35 times a game for a remarkable 8.9 yard average.

"I didn't think there was anyone in Colorado that was in the same class as me," Miller said without trying to sound like he was bragging. "I knew when I was a senior that I was real good."

"I had Curtia Craig (Nebraska), Jerry Eckwood and Elvis Peacock. I thought I was in their class."

Oklahoma coaches drool over the physical capabilities of Elvis. He's 6-2, and weighs 197. During the spring he ran a 9.5 100 and covered the 220 in 21.7.

"I kinda got the feeling at the end of my junior year that I was going to be heavily recruited. All these schools started to write my coach," Elvis recalled.

I didn't know just how good I was. I got to think I was pretty good because I was getting all these big write-ups in the newspapers."

The speedy halfbacks were recruited by just about every major school in the country.

"I got at least a hundred offers," said Miller. "I visited five Big Eight schools — Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri and Oklahoma State."

"I can't remember how many schools I heard from. I wanted to visit a lot of places so I did." said Elvis. "I went to Florida, Miami, Florida State, Kentucky, Oregon, Georgia, Southern Cal, Michigan and Oklahoma."

The pair found out quite a bit about college recruiting on their little junkets around the different campuses. They picked up quite a few lines during the trips.

"I could see through all the lies," said Miller. "I mean some of the things they were saying to me were ridiculous. Like a lot of them would tell me that they were going to move this halfback to fullback just for me.

"Some of the stuff that they were telling me was really weak. What really made me mad is that all these other Big Eight schools were cutting down each other."

"I mean there was absolutely no reason for that. They all had their certain reasons why I shouldn't go to some other Big Eight school."

Peacock found out that some of the other schools tried to use the two-year probation OU is on against the Sooners.

"You would have trouble believing some of the things they were saying to me," laughed Elvis as he began to tell the tale. "This one school said that there was this committee that was set up to investigate OU some more."

"They said that this committee was going to add another five years to Oklahoma's probation. So they said if I went to Oklahoma I would never have a chance to be on television or go to a bowl game. Isn't that somethin'."

Miller said the pressure started to get to him as the signing date approached.

"I really think that it hurt my play for the basketball team," he said. "It started to become a big hassle for me. There seemed to be a certain time when all the coaches would call me."

"I just stayed away from the house a lot of the times. I would just stay over at my friends' place to get away from it all. I felt a little sorry for my parents because they had to deal with all the calls."

Elvis became a very hard object to find in the city of Miami at times.

"It was the darndest thing that I've ever seen," said Oklahoma line coach Gene Hochevar, who recruited Peacock. "There were times when it was just impossible to find Elvis. The best way to find him was to wait right outside of school after it was over."

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Hochevar didn't feel bad about the trouble of locating Elvis, because everyone else was experiencing the same woes.

"One night after the NCAA basketball tournament was over I was talking with this coach from Georgia who was staying at my hotel," Hochevar said.

"He was telling me that he had been in town for three days and couldn't locate Elvis. He changed the subject and asked me if I had seen the UCLA-North Carolina basketball game. I said no. My little boy was around and heard what he had asked. He said to the Georgia coach that he saw it though—he said he watched it with Elvis."

Both the paths of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State crossed each other in the recruiting battle because both were seeking the two prizes.

"I really didn't consider Oklahoma as one of my final choices," Miller says. "I did visit them though. I had narrowed my choices down to Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma State."

Hochevar, who also recruited Miller, had different ideas about the situation.

"I thought we were going to get Terry until about the Saturday before the signing date. He seemed to like our place all along."

It was actually a mix up that brought Elvis on his visit to Oklahoma.

"I let my coach take care of all my visits. This one weekend I was supposed to visit Oklahoma State. The entire thing was arranged."

TERRY MILLER (40) gained 2779 yards his senior year to surpass the rushing performance of Jerry Eckwood of Arkansas.

"Then that same week I got a call from Coach Hochevar. He asked me if I would be interested in visiting OU. I told him that I was visiting this weekend. Then he told me that I was visiting the wrong place. He told me he was from the place that Greg Pruitt, Joe Washington and Rod Shoate were from."

"After he talked with me I called Oklahoma State up and told them that I wanted to cancel my visit."

You would think Miller would have pressure on him to start Colorado and that Peacock would have some kind of pressure to remain in his hometown of Miami. They did.

"Like I said before, I made a lot of people mad at the University of Colorado when I told them I wasn't going to go there. I told them a few days before the signing date," Miller said.

"I didn't want to hurt anybody there. They have been having trouble during the last couple of years getting the best players from their own state."

Peacock eliminated the University of Miami fairly early

"My final decision came down to Oklahoma and Georgia. Most of my friends and relatives wanted me to go to Miami because they wanted to see me play every week.

"But I told them all that I thought Oklahoma would be the best place and that's really where I wanted to go. I told them that they could watch me on TV. And I told them that in a couple of years I would be returning home to play in the Orange Bowl game."

Terry said he didn't start playing organized football until he was in eighth grade.

"One day I was standing around this park watching this team practice. They punted one over my way and I went under and caught it."

"The coach apparently liked the way I got it so he asked me to come out for the team. I've been playing ever since."

Peacock's mom, Lily, tells about his ability.

"Elvis was always an athlete. Ever since he was old enough to walk he was out playing some kind of ball. It seemed he always liked to run around the place," Lily laughed.

"He was always faster than most of the other boys. And then he started to grow. Not only did he become faster than all the rest of the boys, but he became bigger.

Miller and Peacock agreed that there were certain good things about the entire recruiting situation.

"Well, at first I really enjoyed it," Terry said. "I really got to meet quite a few very nice people. There were a lot of very warm people who I had the chance to meet."

"And I enjoyed the traveling and things like that. It gave me a chance to see different parts of the country. I don't think I'll ever forget the experience."

Peacock said about the same thing.

"The toughest part for me was telling people no. I really mean that. You sorta get used to all those people being around you and you really start to like 'em."

"I never thought the people were lying to me. Maybe because I'm the kind of guy who just believes what everyone tells me."

What most people were telling Terry Miller and Elvis Peacock was that some day they are going to be All-Americans.

And most of the people in Stillwater and Norman that have heard about the heroics of Miller and Peacock, are thinking along the same lines.

DAVID JAYNES, Kansas

LUCIOUS SELMON, Oklahoma

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1973 Consensus All-America

	OFFENSE		DEFENSE
WR	Lynn Swann, Southern California	L	Dave Gallagher, Michigan
TE	Dave Caspar, Notre Dame	L	John Dutton, Nebraska
T	John Hicks, Ohio State	L	Randy Crowder, Penn State
T	Buddy Brown, Alabama	L	Van DeCree, Ohio State
G	Bill Yoest, North Carolina State	MG	Lucious Selmon, Oklahoma
G	Tyler Lafuci, Louisiana State	LB	Randy Gradishar, Ohio State
C	Bill Wyman, Texas	LB	Richard Wood, Southern California
QB	David Jaynes, Kansas	LB	Woodrow Lowe, Alabama
QB	Danny White, Arizona State	B	Jimmy Allen, UCLA
RB	John Cappelletti, Penn State	B	Artimus Parker, Southern Cal
RB	Roosevelt Leaks, Texas	B	Dave Brown, Michigan
RB	Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh	B	Mike Townsend, Notre Dame

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	OFFENSE	
E	Frosty Anderson	Neb.
E	Emmett Edwards	Kan.
T	Daryl White	Neb.
T	Jim Schnietz	Miss.
G	Bill Brittain	K. State
G	Doug Payton	Colo.
C	Scott Anderson	Miss.
QB	David Jaynes	Kan.
RB	Joe Washington	Okla.
RB	Isaac Jackson	K. State
RB	Mike Strachan	I. State

	DEFENSE	
E	Steve Manstedt	
E	Dean Zook	Kan.
T	John Dutton	Neb.
T	Barry Price	OSU
NG	Lucious Selmon	Okla.
LB	Roderick Shoate	Okla.
LB	Cleveland Vann	OSU
LB	Lawrence Hunt	I. State
DB	Randy Hughes	Okla.
DB	John Moseley	Miss.
DB	Kurt Knoff	Kan.

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	OFFENSE	
E	Emmett Edwards	Kan.
E	J.V. Cain	Colo.
T	Daryl White	Neb.
T	Eddie Foster	Okla.
G	John Rouse	Okla.
G	Greg Horton	Colo.
C	Scott Anderson	Miss.
B	David Jaynes	Kan.
B	Joe Washington	Okla.
B	Isaac Jackson	K. State
B	Mike Strachan	I. State
Kick	Greg Hill	Miss.

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B	Alvin Brown	OSU

The Season's Final Rankings

United Press International

(Final Vote Before Bowl Games)

	Team & Record	Points
1.	Alabama (11-1)	325
2.	Oklahoma (10-0-1)	292
3.	Ohio State (10-0-1)	244
4.	Notre Dame (11-0)	241
5.	Penn State (12-0)	193
6.	Michigan (10-0-1)	190
7.	Southern California (9-2-1)	134
8.	Texas (8-3)	74
9.	UCLA (9-2)	50
10.	Arizona State (11-1)	39
11.	Nebraska (9-2-1)	15
	Texas Tech (11-1)	15
13.	Houston (11-1)	13
14.	Louisiana State (9-3)	10
15.	Kansas (7-4-1)	4
	Tulane (9-3)	4
17.	Miami, Ohio (11-0)	3
18.	Maryland (8-4)	2
	San Diego State (9-1-1)	2
	Florida (7-5)	2

The Associated Press

(Final Vote After Bowl Games)

	Team & Record	Points
1.	Notre Dame (11-0)	1,128
2.	Ohio State (10-0-1)	1,002
3.	Oklahoma (10-0-1)	965
4.	Alabama (11-1)	834
5.	Penn State (12-0)	709
6.	Michigan (10-0-1)	702
7.	Nebraska (9-2-1)	430
8.	Southern California (9-2-1)	386
9.	Arizona State (11-1)	349
	Houston (11-1)	349
11.	Texas Tech (11-1)	336
12.	UCLA (9-2)	251
13.	Louisiana State (9-3)	179
14.	Texas (8-3)	150
15.	Miami, Ohio (11-0)	125
16.	North Carolina State (9-3)	94
17.	Missouri (8-4)	52
18.	Kansas (7-4-1)	11
19.	Tennessee (8-4)	10
20.	Maryland (8-4)	3
	Tulane (9-3)	3

A Computer Couldn't Produce

By BILL CONNORS *Tulsa World*

AS DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD COACH at Vanderbilt, Bobby Proctor was assigned in 1971 to recriuit Randy Hughes, a defensive back who ranked 14th scholastically in a class of 757 at Tulsa Memorial High School. Hughes was the scholarly type Vanderbilt coveted.

But he also was 6-4 and weighed almost 200 pounds, ran the 40 in 4.5 and tackled like a middle linebacker. The heavyweights of college football also sought Hughes.

Before Hughes ended the suspense and signed with Oklahoma, Proctor reconciled himself "to the fact I'll never coach a player like that at Vanderbilt." In April 1973, Proctor arrived in Norman to be interviewed for a similar position on Oklahoma's staff. While touring the athletic plant he encountered Hughes.

"I'm not saying Hughes was the reason I accepted the job," Proctor said. "But knowing he was here and had two years of eligibility left just made me want the job that much more. I've coached the secondary for 14 years at four schools and Randy is the best I've ever had. He's super.

"If you could feed a computer what it takes to be an ideal strong safety, the computer couldn't produce one any better than Randy. He's a good tackler and physical like a strong safety should be and has the range to play counterfield like a free safety. He's a competitor and he's intelligent I've seen book-smart kids who were not smart football players. Randy's a smart player. The only thing he needs to improve is his hands. If he plays as good this year as he did last year he should be All-American , and I expect him to be the No. 1 defensive back in the pro draft."

This is what astute observers have been saying since the tough, dark-haired, soft-spoken Hughes won acclaim as a high school rarity: The first defensive specialist to be named Oklahoma's schoolboy of the year.

Hughes was so advanced and so accomplished when he was recruited, one year before the freshman rule was passed, Chuck Fairbanks thought, "if freshmen were eligible, Randy could start."

There are those at OU who think Hughes' presence in a leaky 1971 secondary would have meant the difference in the epic battle with Nebraska, won by the Cornhuskers, 35-31. .

Upon the varsity arrival in 1972 of Hughes and his more heralded classmate, linebacker Rod Shoate, the Sooners' defense was transformed from mediocre to superior. To be sure, Hughes has lived up to expectations.

Yet, on a defensive unit with such superstars as Shoate and Leroy Selmon, there is a tendency to take Hughes for granted. In contrast to Shoate, Hughes plays an unglamorous position and came advertised, with metropolitan press clippings, as a can't-miss operatiie. He quietly executes at a position where excellence is difficult to recognize.

Though Hughes missed OU's season interception record (seven) by only one last year and made a sensational 95-yard touchdown return of an interception to break open the Colorado game, he rarely crashes the spotlight. Mostly, Hughes makes the plays that are appreciated at the moment and quickly forgotten; like sprinting 30 yards and convering a receiver so closely the passer has to keep the ball and is sacked by the Selmons and Shoate. Who remembers the receiver Hughes blanketed was Colorado's J.V. Cain.

Most observers thought Cain was the best of the Big Eight's extraordinary tight ends, all seniors, last year. Hughes agrees. "Cain killed us two years ago," Hughes said. "Cain was the best and Keith Krepfle (Iowa State) was the most underrated. Reuben Gant (OSU) and Henry Childs (KState) might have been All-Americans in other years. That was some group of tight ends. I'm glad they're all gone."

Since a strong safety frequently has the responsibility of the tight end, it is a testimonial to Hughes that he distinguished himself while competing against blue ribbon adversaries Saturday after Saturday.

Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer said, "Randy Hughes was probably the best strong safety in the country last year." Switzer admitted, "we take it for granted Randy will play well every game."

If it seems an awful lot is expected of Hughes in comparison to the rewards, it is consistent with his own credo. Hughes set demanding standards and is more concerned with how he judges himself than with "what other people think, or publicity."

Hughes said, "I expect a lot from myself, and so far I have not been pleased with the way I've played. As a sophomore I played scared. I was awed. People said I played well, but I was disappointed with myself. I was kind of pleased last year, but I've never felt the satisfaction with my play here that I felt in high school. I felt like I contributed something to our Colorado game last year. But most of the time I come off the field feeling a little empty.

"In high school, I made 25 tackles a game. I led our secondary last year with only 48 tackles. We shut somebody out here and I might make six or seven tackles. It feels great to be a part of a great team. But it's also strange. The Nebraska game last year (27-0) was one of the greatest adventures defensive games Oklahoma every played, people said. But I don't think the whole secondary made 15 tackles because their runners seldom got past the line of scrimmage. I walked off the field and everybody was congratulating us, but I didn't feel like I'd done anything. I would like to contribute more."

He should get that chance this year. OU's rebuilt defense has less a of a bullet proof look up front. "And," Proctor said, "we will be putting Randy where he can make plays against the best thing the other team is doing." In anticipation of this challenge, Hughes hopes to play at 215, or 17 pounds more than last year. He also hopes to realize two goals.

"I've always wanted to make first team All-American and play on a national championship team," he said. "I am confident we are going to go 11-0, and that should be good enough to win the national championship. I think I have a chance to make All-American."

First though, Hughes must prove his fitness after knee surgery. He was injured in the Oklahoma State finale but did not undergo surgery until late February. By then a weight lifting program had sufficiently strengthened the knee, but Hughes was unable to run normally. Cartilage was removed and Hughes missed spring practice.

He confessed he did not miss the workouts, which became more rigorous when Proctor arrived. "The defensive backs never had to hit much in practice when I was a sopho-

more," Hughes said. "But coach Proctor makes us hit 30 minutes every day. I don't miss that. But I prefer that to a knee operation.

"Every football player I know cringes at the thought of having a knee operation. The only injury I'd ever had was a broken hand. I was terrified of knee operations. But mine was simple. I am going to run a lot during the summer and they say I will have no trouble. But the work you have to do in rehabilitation will check out your desire and make you wonder if the game is worth it."

The only other time Hughes wonders if the game is worth the sacrifices is the first week of pre-season practice when the Sooners hold three drills a day. "That is the most miserable week of the year," he said. "I don't care how good condition you are in, that first week just about kills you. After the third practice each day all you feel like doing is falling into bed and asking yourself why in the world you're doing it."

Why does he do it?

"For myself," Hughes said. "For the satisfaction of proving that I can perform before 60,000 people; and, for the benefits a football career can lead to in the business world."

If this makes Hughes sound like something less a than a team player, it is misleading. He is a model of selflessness with disciplined habits and a zest for conditioning. "He ran all the defensive backs into the ground in the endurance run we had the day they reported , last year," Proctor said. The only concern Hughes ever caused the staff was his failure to take salt. After the 95-yard return against Colorado, Hughes' legs went limp and his pulse count was high so he spent the halftime intermission on his back and under the

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care of a physician. "I've never failed to take my salt since then," he said.

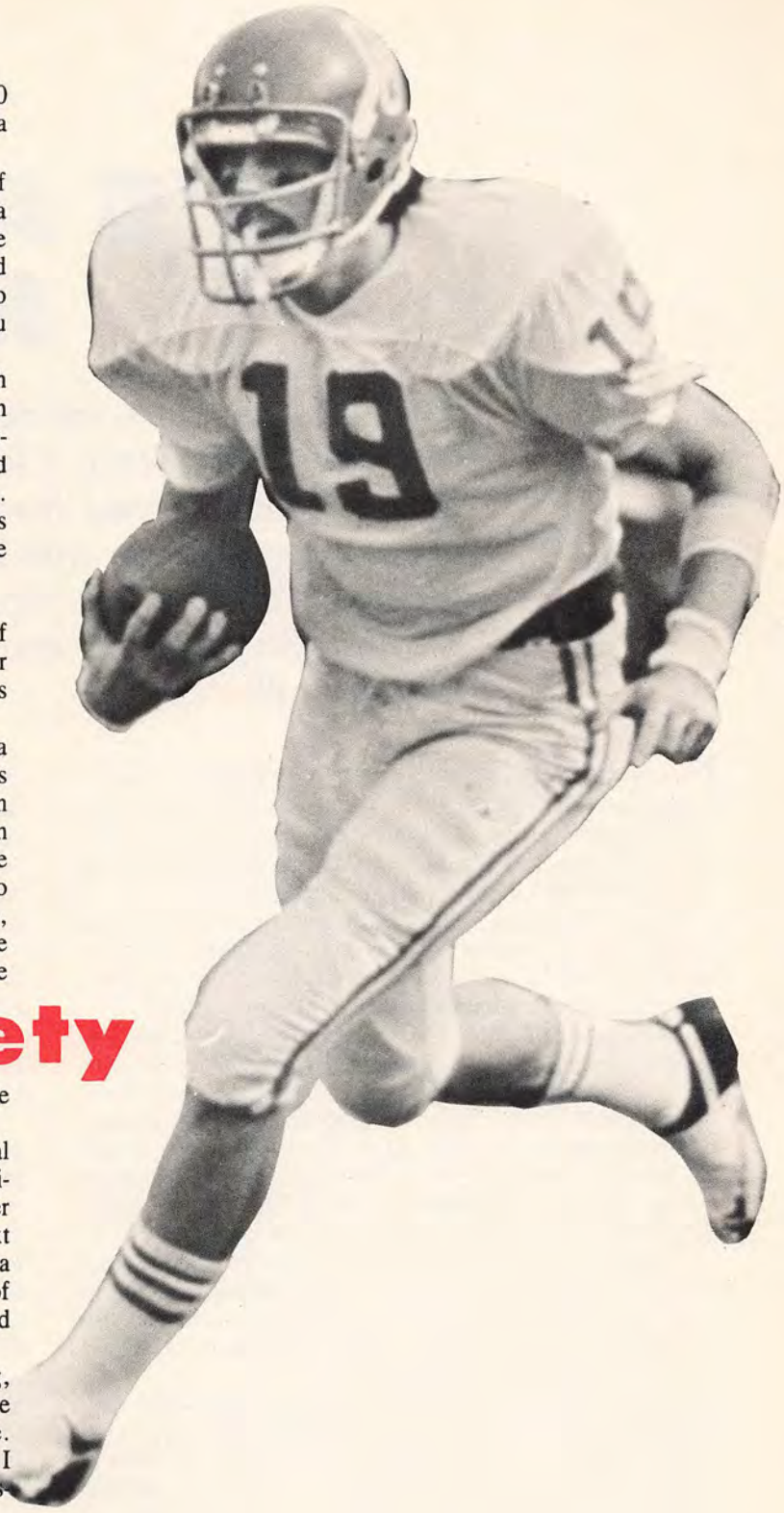
Hughes wants to play professionally. But his principal interest is the business world, specifically real estate. A finance major, Hughes has a 3.66 grade average, has never made a "C" and is scheduled to graduate "on time" next spring. He spends the summer working for a wealthy Tulsa homebuilder and realtor "who is showing me the inside of the business. I hope to work for him after I graduate and then branch out on my own."

Hughes carried 17 hours last fall and 19 in the spring, "because I want to graduate on time. I see players come back here a fifth or sixth year to graduate. That's a waste. You should be out making money by then. The only way I will be back in school a fifth year would be to get a master's."

Before Hughes signed a Big Eight letter of intent, OU signed six of his Tulsa classmates, prompting some to think the Sooners had to take all of his friends to get Hughes. Actually, Hughes' best friends were a class ahead of him and most of them attended Oklahoma State. He considered OSU. He was wary of the Sooner's belief that middle linebacker was his best position.

"I tried linebacker briefly in high school and I was terrible," Hughes said. "I couldn't take on those big guards that block on you at linebacker. When I see Shoate take on those big guards, I know they did the right thing by putting him at linebacker and leaving me at safety."

You don't need a 3.66 grade average to know that.



"Randy Hughes was probably the best strong safety in the country last year. We take it for granted Randy will play well every game." -Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer.

IT'S A HEALTHY MARRIAGE

A winner ever since the day he and his Stamford High teammates won the Texas Class AA State Championship, Jack Mills has now turned from the grid iron to the practice of law. His association with the nation's strongest football conference, through the representation of its young football players who seek his counsel, has been an enjoyable and lucrative alliance.

By DAN CREEDON *Boulder Daily Camera*

FOOTBALL HAS ALWAYS RUN DEEP in the veins of Alvin Jackson (Jack) Mills, a Boulder attorney who represents nearly four dozen professional football players, most of them established veterans who first became headliners as college standouts in the Big Eight Conference.

Born in Chickasha, Okla., Mills grew up in a small West Texas town where football was king, Stamford, and later quarterbacked the high school football team there to a Class AA state championship and unbeaten season in 1955.

Mills says he didn't have the talent to play past the high school level. "I was long on leadership and those other things the quarterback is supposed to have," he grins. Stamford, in Mills' time, played an excellent brand of football. His teammates there in the mid-1950's, for example, included Bob Harrison, later an all-American center at Oklahoma a long time pro and halfback Mike McClellan, who started his college career at Baylor and finished at OU.

Then came seven years at the University of Oklahoma, where Mills, while earning his undergraduate degree in accounting and finally a law degree, became deeply involved as a volunteer administrative assistant to the Sooner grid program back in its heyday.

Mills' arrival as a student at OU corresponded with Eddie Crowder's return to Bud Wilkinson staff and Jack spent many of his hours helping the future University of Colorado coach-athletic director in co-ordinating the recruiting efforts.

"I did anything the staff wanted. Clipped newspapers on prospects, entertained recruits, saw that they were introduced to the right people when they visited the campus."

A low-key type of charmer, Mills later spent a year as Crowder's administrative assistant at the University of Colorado (1965-66), just after Eddie had been named CU's AD and immediately following two years of Army intelligence service on his own part.

In the fall of 1966, after considering an offer to join the NCAA staff, Mills went with a Boulder law firm. And it was shortly thereafter, that he started to become involved in the legal representation of athletes. "Bill Sabatino and Estes Banks (recruits in Crowder's first Colorado class) asked if I'd represent them in their negotiations," Mills recalls. "Bill Fairband wanted some help, too. But he (all-Big Eight defensive end Fairband) was a third-round choice and I didn't feel I was ready yet to handle a deal as big as his."

At first Mills traffiked mostly in University of Colorado athletes—Dick Anderson and William Harris in 1967, Mike Schnitker and Mike Montler in 1968.

But in 1969 he branched out and wound up with five first round draft choices—Colorado's Bobby Anderson (Denver Broncos), and Bill Brundige (Washington Redskins), and Oklahoma's Steve Zabel (Philadelphia Eagles), Jim Files (New York Giants) and Steve Owens (Detroit Lions).

After that, the word on Mills' ability as a gifted negotiator and advisor spread rapidly, to the point where Mills had three dozen NFL clients a year ago, including Missouri products Jim Harrison and Joe Moore, both running backs for the Chicago Bears; Mike Montgomery, the Dallas Cowboys (soon to be Birmingham of the World Football League) from Kansas State and Nebraska greats Jeff Kinney (Kansas City Chiefs) and Larry Jacobson (New York Giants).

Old home-state ties also have led to Mills representing a number of University of Texas players—Jerry Sisemore (Philadelphia Eagels), Cotton Speyrer (Baltimore Colts), Jim Bertelson (Los Angeles Rams), Bill Wyman (New York Jets) and Glen Gaspard (Jacksonville Sharks).

Mills also now counts among his clients a dozen NFL players he didn't originally represent. He speaks for half a dozen Denver Broncos, including all-pro tackle Paul Smith; Miami Dolphin safety Jake Scott, and Kansas City Chiefs Otis Taylor, Emmitt Thomas and Jim Marsalis.

Obviously, Mills does the job for the players.

Yet, he seems to move smoothly in management circles, too. Russ Thomas, the general manager of the Detroit Lions, says of Mills: "I think Jack is a very capable guy who has the player's interest at heart. He's legitimate, sophisticated, reasonable, and a tough negotiator."

Although perhaps not as widely known as some other sports attorneys, Mills' expertise in the field is recognized. In late May, for example, he appeared at a seminar on legal

JACK MILLS, Boulder attorney (right) is smiling over the lucrative contract he has just negotiated for Jeff Kinney (left) of Nebraska fame; and all Hank Stram got was the football.

representation of professional athletes at which the list of speakers also included former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and Boston attorney Robert Woolf.

Why the growing need for legal help for pro athletes?

'A 21 or 22-year-old college senior just isn't capable of standing up to the general manager of a professional sports franchise,'' Mills says in complete candor. ''He's dealing with someone who has years, maybe decades of experience, in the field. I also think it's difficult for a young guy just coming out of college to be as objective about his own situation as a third party (his representative). And, in some cases, when the general manager is also the coach, negotiations are a delicate matter. It's important the scars of the negotiations not be carried over to the playing field.

''I really believe management wants the player to have competent help, and I stress the word 'competent' in contract negotiations, too. They're not anxious for a player to come back a year later and accuse them of taking advantage of him in negotiations. If the player has had competent help, they (the team officials) can point out, and rightfully so, that the player's attorney was there and agreed to all the contract provisions.''

Mills has no mandatory financial program for his clients to follow. He deals with each case individually. ''You do less for a guy like Dick Anderson, who is very competent and astute on his own when it comes to business investments. Anderson, the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year last fall with the Dolphins, is said to have made almost as much money off the field, primarily in the credit life insurance business, as he did on the field for the Super Bowl champions. Both figures were considerable.

Mills, an expert on tax questions, sas it's important for the young NFL stars to lead the ''good life. It's part of the image of an athlete in the public spotlight,'' he says. 'But they don't have to be wasteful. It's not necessary to trade for a big, new car every year. It's not necessary to live in a penthouse, if a nice apartment is sufficient. Or a player doesn't have to buy the biggest house in town, if something less will do.''

One thing Mills tries to insist upon is that his clients do something constructive with their off-season time. ''The most important thing any player can do, is to first return and get his degree,'' Mills emphasizes. ''Most players, unless they've been redshirted, will be two or three semesters shy of graduation after their first season of pro ball. Once they get their degree, I encourage them to at least get a taste of what the business world is like. The transition from the sports world to the business world is difficult when a player's career ends. His income might be only one-fourth of what it was as a player. And, he no longer has the free time he did as an athlete, when he might be off six months a year. In the business world, it's likely to be only two weeks

vacation. If nothing else, an athlete can use his off-season time to see what business opportunities interest him and might have a long-term potential. He can eliminate most of the false starts all of us go through before settling into a career."

For Mills and all the other sports attorneys the game changed this year when the new World Football League arrived on the scene and scored some spectacular early successes in luring veteran players away from the NFL.

"It's a whole new ball game," Mills grins. "I've always felt pro football players weren't getting their fair share of the gross, at least not in comparision to athletes in other sports."

What did the new league mean to established players?

Probably an average salary increase of 50 per cent," says Mills. "I mean if an established player was making $50,000 a year, he is now able to negotiate a contract for $75,000 a year. The WFL has also made it possible for players other than running backs and quarterbacks to earn top salaries.

"And the talks were completely different. Take Steve Owens case. We (Owens, Mills and the Detroit Lions) talked only about Steve's future and what he can do for the Lions. But, if we hadn't had the WFL (Owens was also talking with the rival Detroit Wheels), the negotiations certainly woud have centered on Steve's injuries last year. And we'd have been trying to bargain off of his 1,000 yard season two years ago, rather than last year when he rushed for only around 400 yards."

Mills, who also had competition for the servics of Brundige (Redskins vs. Washington-Virginia-Orlando Ambassadors) and Jacobson (Giants vs. Southern California Suns), is said to have renegotiated a $650,000 package for Miami Dolphin veterans Jake Scott and Jim Mandich. Scott was sought by Hawaii and Mandich by Birmingham in the WFL, with the all-pro safety eventually winding up with a contract said to be worth $400,000 over the next three years and the tight-end a $250,000 deal.

"The players involved had to be willing to go over to the WFL, if their demands weren't met," Mills said. "This wasn't any bluff situation. Jake and Mandich were fearless. They were ready to go, within hours in fact of signing with the WFL. They also did a beautiful acting job in our dealings v ith Joe Robbie and Don Shula. When we were done, I told 'em, they should get into the movies someday. They were every bit as effective as Robert Redford and Paul Newman in "The Sting."

Mills calls the WFL's move to acquire establishd talent "the most intelligent approach to take. The people they've signed can produce immediately. Some number one draft choices, on the other hand, might be two or three years away from being really productive professional players."

Will the NFL-WFL challenges explode into full-scale war and all-out escalation of pro salaries?

"I don't think so, unless a great deal of new outside money is pumped into the situation. The WFL had to have players, and in great numbers this year. Next year, it may be a different situation."

Where does Mills stand on the demands of the National Football League Players' Association?

"I definitely think something has to be done about the option clause and the Rozelle rule. I'm not so sure the players are as interested in other demands, things like only three hours of practice and meetings in pre-season camp and the limits on off-season practices. But the option clause and Rozelle rule must be modified.

"I honestly believe the NFL players could live with the contract the World Football League has adopted. Under the WFL contract, when a player reaches his option year, he doesn't have to play for a 10 per cent cut as he does in the NFL year. The player makes a (salary) demand and the team an offer. It goes to arbitration, with the third party deciding on one of the two salaries, just as in baseball. Then, after the player completes the option year, he is free to sign with any team. There is no compensation clause as under the Rozelle rule.

"The NFL's argument that the rich will get richer, if you don't have the option clause and Rozelle rule is no longer a strong argument. I just don't believe one team would go out and buy up all the talent. The size of the stadiums dictate how much income each team has, but with the TV contract and the minimum of 50,000 seats for each franchise, income is more equalized than in most other sports. And I don't see the Hunts and Murchisons dipping into their own funds to go out and buy up players. Their teams are operating now strictly with funds they generate on their own, and I imagine it would remain that way.

"There would have to be some agreement whereby a team retained the right to a rookie for at least three years. By then, they'd know if they wanted to keep a player and, if a team did, they could pay him right, treat him right and I don't think there would be any problems. Most young players now sign multi-year contracts, so it wouldn't be too much of a change for players to be bound for a certain period early in their careers to just one team."

Mills, who reportedly gets about 6 per cent of a players' first-year salary, 8 per cent of his bonus and likes his clients to work on contracts calling for incentive clauses based on performance, has been an insider on Big Eight football every since Oklahoma last won a national title (1956). What he has seen, of course, is remarkable growth in the overall calibre of football in the Big Eight.

Ask Mills for the reason for the amazing balance today in Big Eight football, even though Oklahoma and Nebraska overall remain several steps ahead of anybody else and he says:

"Well, I think it started when coaches like Dan Devine, Sonny Grandelius and Bob Devaney began destroying the Oklahoma myth in the late 1950's and early 1960's. And I have to think the ending of exclusive contract with the Orange Bowl helped, too. It was good for the conference when teams other than the champion could go to a bowl, certainly good for recruiting. I also believe a lot of the credit should go to Wayne Duke. He did more to promote Big Eight football than anybody else and he made possible a good many of the rule changes that helped improve the calibre of Big Eight football. He's doing the same thing in the Big Ten now. You know, I believe Wayne would make a great commissioner for the World Football League. He's a powerful figure like Rozelle; he gets things done."

A winner ever since the day he and his Stamford High teammates routed Hillsboro 34-7 (Jack scored once on a 2-yard run but was 0-for-5 as a passer) in a game win which McClellan scored twice and rushed for 107 yards) to conclude a 15-0-0 season in '55, Mills continues to enjoy his association with the nation's strongest football conference through his contacts with the young players who seek his advise. It's a healthy marriage.

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AFTER PASSING OUT DIPLOMAS and scholarships to one of the biggest and best group of linemen in the state during the last several years, Oklahoma's football high schools are apparently concentrating on players to run behind those linemen after the 1975 recruiting season.

There will still be enough big linemen to fill a hole or two, but the bulk of Oklahoma's prep talent this fall will be in the backfield.

Two of the best are only a few miles apart. Norman's Gregg Byram, camouflaged somewhat last year by stellar quarterback Dean Blevins, should have a great season for the Tigers. At 6-2, 180, Byram has scintillating speed (4.5 in the 40-yard dash) and plenty of toughness. This spring he set a state record in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles while running with a cracked bone in his foot.

Just down the road is Purcell, which produced a blue chipper in 1972 when Joe McReynolds led the Dragons to the state Class A championship.

Although the school will be competing in Class 2A this fall, Purcell will have a running back with fascinating potential in Gerald Green (5-11, 175).

"At the first of the year last season Gerald wasn't a good back," said Dragon coach Milton Bassett. "He had the great speed (4.5 in the 40 and 9.7 in the 100), but he didn't have the finesse. As the year went on, though, he learned how to keep his balance and break tackles. With us in the I-formation and him at tailback, all he'll need is a little daylight and you can forget it."

Green saw enough daylight last fall to gain 1,280 yards and score 14 touchdowns.

Byram will undoubtedly be one of the most sought-after recruits in the area. Even with Blevins around last year the a lanky flyer piled up 1,046 yards in 174 rushes. He pulled off a big coup by winning the Boomer Conference Player of the Year honor as a junior.

"Gregg will do anything you ask of him," said a proud Mike Simmons, who will be coaching the talented halfback next season. "His nickname is 'Goose,' because he is so loose. He's not a dancer, but he can make a cut on a tick in mid-stride."

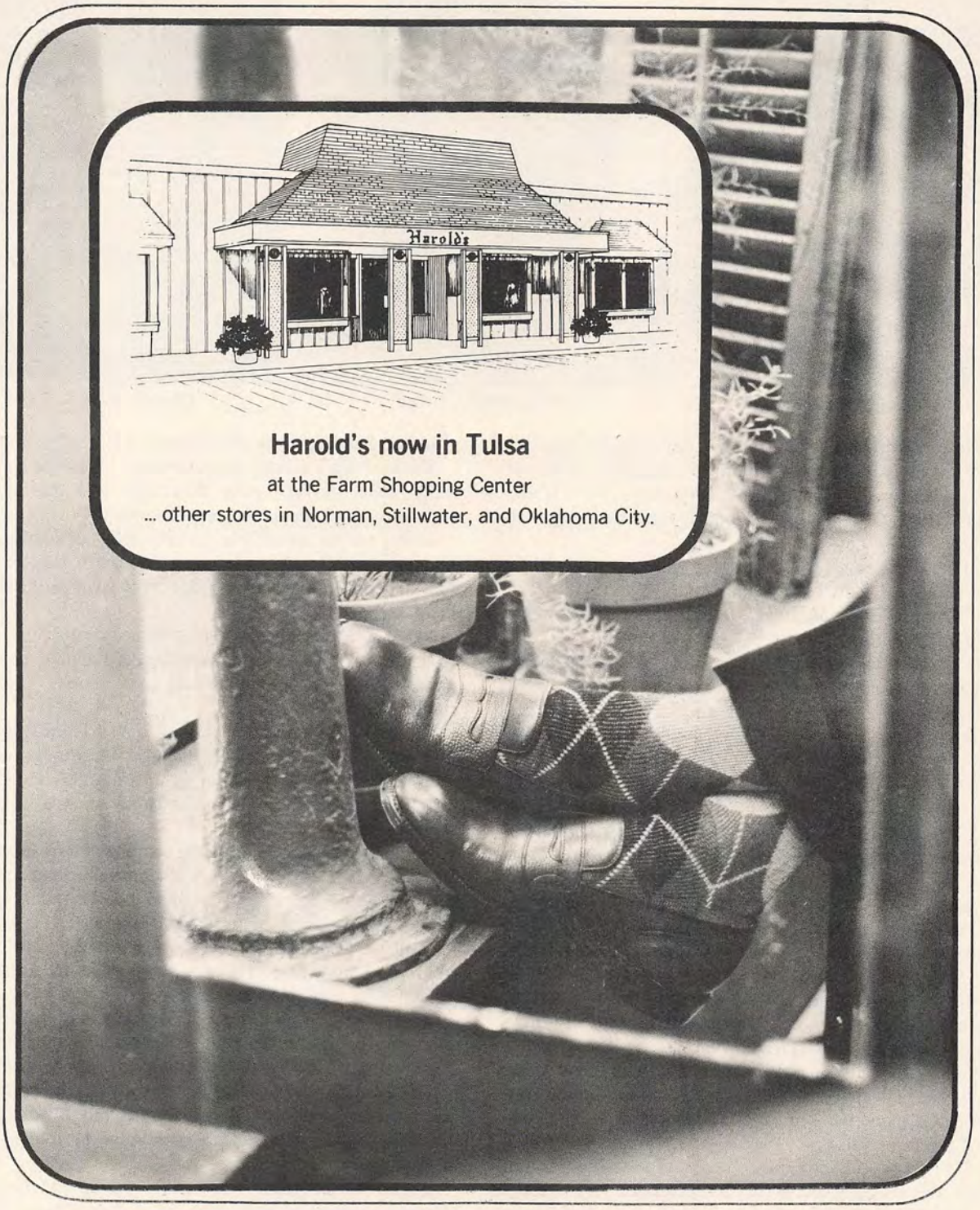
An honor roll student, Byram was plagued by broken bones in his younger years. But his growth seems to have finally stabilized and his limbs are holding up, much to the distress of the newly re-aligned Boomer Conference.

One runner who should have no trouble getting anxious for the season to start is Grandfield's Charles Loggins. A strapping 6-3, 220 wlth 4.6 (legitimate) speed in the 40, Loggins was ruled ineligible after only two games last year becauae of residency problems. He also had to sit out the basketball and baseball seasons, where he also does more than hold his own.

"Charles has as much potential as any player I've ever had," said Paul Brown, Grandfield head coach. "He's an 'A' student. He's tough physically. He should have a great season."

A striking contrast to Loggins is Shawnee's Robby Hale, a compact 5-9, 175 who runs a fast 4.6. Sharing ball carrying duties last year with a stable full of talented backs, Hale showed his greatness with a bristling display on artificial turf in the state Class 3A finals against Miami.

In a rout of the Wardogs, Hale exploded for 268 yards in 20 carries. He's a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a fine student.



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But Hale will have to share luggin' duties again this fall. Chris Reynolds is bigger, just a tenth of a second (4.7) slower in the 40 and also has a knack for the big plays. At 6-1, 185 Reynolds is also certain to get a good look from college talent scouts.

Also in the running for back of the year honors will be Charles Cohee of Lawton Eisenhower, Willard Morris of Sulphur, Mike Gaither of Tulsa Memorial and Tom Tucker of Lawton MacArthur.

Morris, a 6-1, 190-pound jet, scored 118 points last year and rushed for 1,098 yards. Recruiters will have two for the price of one trip, however, a quarterback Clifford Agee could be a great one. At 6-3, 197 he has the size, and with a 4.7 time in the 40 he has the quickness. Agee passed for 882 yards and 10 TD's last year, and added 4.3 yards every time he ran with the ball.

Another top prospect from the small school ranks could come from Davenport, where bruising Bruce Terronez is only a step away from being a top flight college player. While leading his mates to two straight Class B championships, Terronez has gained nearly 4,000 yards in the past two seasons. He chalked up well over a thousand as a freshman as well.

But Terronez has gotten by with running over people in the small school wars and still needs another step of quickness to go with his 6-2, 210 frame.

Agee isn't the only quarterback around with great stats. Stroud's Steve Mixon has been drawing raves for the past two years and made the Big Eight Magazine list of stars last year as a junior.

Last fall the 6-1, 185-pounder rushed for 942 yards (an 8.83 yard average) and hit 56 of 123 passes for 1,154 yards. He scored 13 touchdowns and intercepted eight passes as a defensive back.

Although not possessing the quickness of Mixon (who runs a 4.6), Putnam City's Joe Hough will be given a close look. He packs a lot of talent on his 5-11, 175 frame and has the ability to come up with the big plays.

"He should be one of the top quarterbacks in the state," said Pirate coach Jerry Potter. "No. 1, he's a team leader. He's a great competitor."

Hough ran for 505 yards and passed for 955 more while hitting 52 percent of his passes last fall. And he follows in the cleats of two other exceptional Putnam City quarterbacks.

Although his size will tag him with a "questionmark" tag, one of the most dangerous signal callers in the state could be Sand Springs' Phil James, a 5-10, 162 dynamo.

Since a state championship year in 1966, the Sandite fortunes have steadily gone downhill. But this scatterback could do a great deal to reverse the trend.

James, using a dazzling, jitterbugging now-you-see-him, now-you-don't style, piled up 1,481 yard total offense last fall, accounting for 17 touchdowns. He hit on 51 percent of his passes.

"Phil is a tremendous option quarterback," said Sandite coach Jim Webb. "He makes things happen, can break a game open. And he can do it at quarterback, on defense or running back kicks."

Certainly not having a size problem is Tulsa Rogers' David Rader, who at 6-4, 215 is bigger than most of his linemen. The three-year starter is a straight A student, team captain, physically tough and a standout also in basketball and baseball.

Although he's up against the toughest competition around in the Tulsa area, Rader has led his team back to football prominence. "David may or may not be quick enough to play major college quarterback," said one recruiter. "But he's the kind of athlete you have to go after. He's going to help you somewhere. He may be more suited to linebacker or defensive end. But he's sure a player."

Facing the disadvantage of small school competition is Kiefer's Bill Barnett, a 6-2, 180-pounder who has set some high standards in his previous two years at the helm.

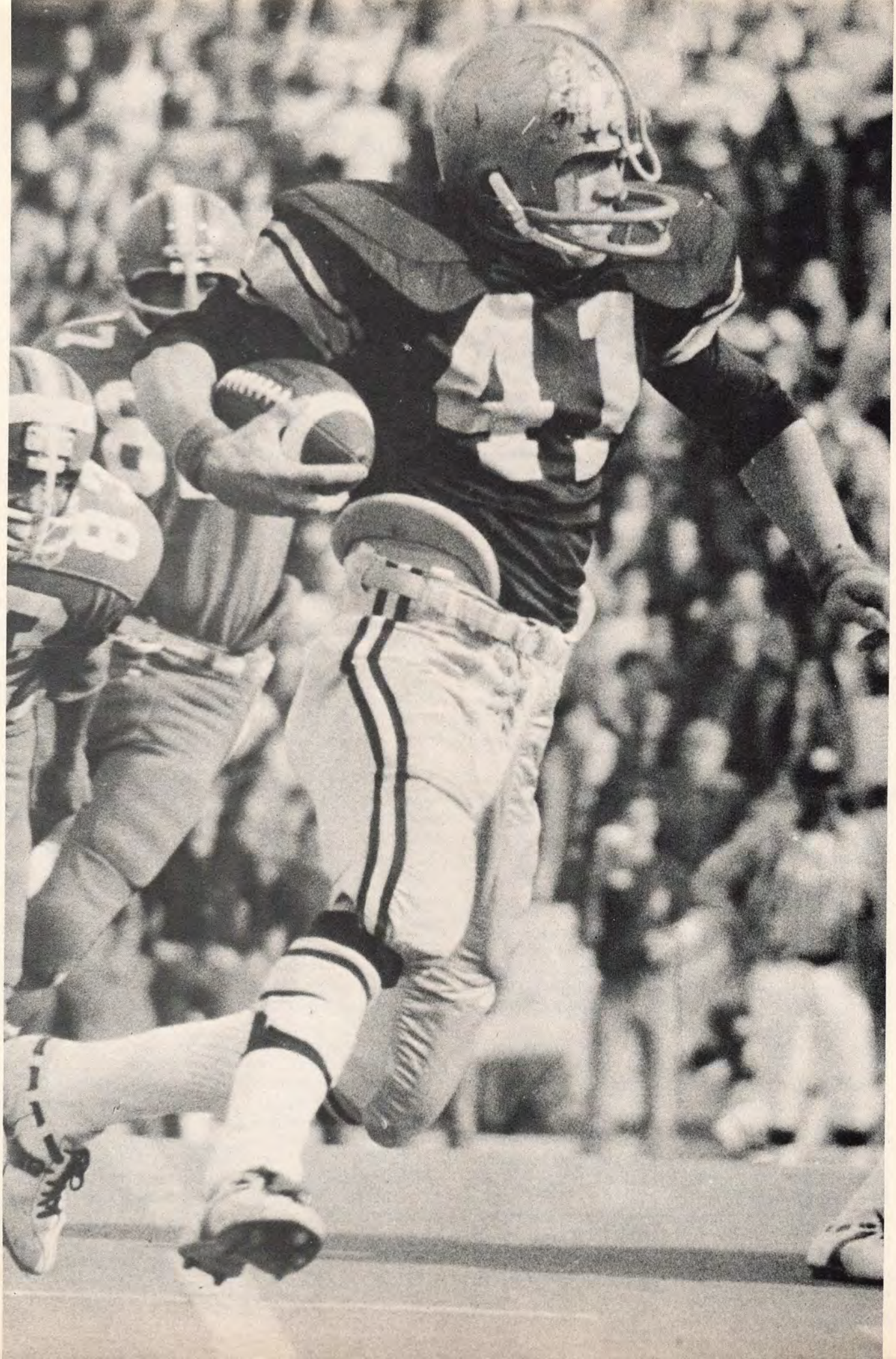
Barnett has 3,129 yards in total offense since his sophomore season. During that span he has hit 156 of 332 passes for 2,327 yards. Barnett has rushed for 19 touchdowns and passed for 36 more.

Tulsa Washington, which has produced enough good football players to write its name of state championship trophies five times in the past seven years, has at least a trio of prospects this fall.

Larry Grundy proved a fine pass receiving threat last year, and used his 6-2, 210 frame well in blocking from his tight end spot. Kirk Moseley spent most of the season as a backup quarterback, then came in during the playoffs to do a superb job as Wishbone fullback.

The most heralded Hornet is tackle Earl Stripling, who at 6-2, 240 has moved around enemy defenders at will. "Stripling is one of the best high school blockers I've seen, maybe as good on technique as Terry Webb (Muskogee and OU)," said a Big Eight recruiter.

One of the most puzzling prospects is Sapulpa's Reggie Grant. His 6-3, 210 frame with 4.6 speed brings raves from



anyone watching him at split end. But he has yet to prove himself in the classroom.

"Reggie could be as good as any player in the state," said Chieftain coach Jerry Bailey. "He has all the physical tools. But we'll just have to wait to see if all the pieces fall in place for him."

Another top flight prepster at Sapulpa is nose guard Michael Lee, who uses his 6-1, 210 frame to push around offensive linemen and his 4.6 speed to catch enemy backs.

Spiro had three all-staters from the same backfield last year, and the Bulldogs may add another great one to that list this fall. Darnell Scott has the same physical tools his predecessors had (6-1, 185 with 4.6 quickness).

"I just don't know what we'll do with Darnell this season," said coach L. D. Johnson. "He is a super defensive back and receiver. But I'm afraid he'll miss out on a lot of recognition if we don't use him as a running back. Any place he plays, he'll help us. He has great hands and mobility."

Two of the top linemen are Choctaw's Tim Luman (6-4, 245) and Norman's Mike Burlingam (6-2, 230). The latter is rated the top center in the state by several recruiters. Luman has fine quickness for his size.

Although only juniors, a pair of the state's best players this year will be Barry Burget of Stroud and J. C. Watts at Eufaula. Burget, the younger brother of OU's Grant, is 6-3, 200 and runs the 40 in 4.8 already, even though just barely 16.

"I spoke at their banquet," said one recruiter, "and when he stood up I couldn't believe it. I mean, we don't have any backs who look like that on OUR varsity."

Burget averaged seven yards per try last season and scored 10 TD's and 14 extra points. Watts took over the Eufaula attack as quarterback just before mid-season and set the Ironmen on fire. At 5-11, 195 he has all the equipment to be a truly great one.

Tulsa Hale, which won the big school title in 1972 and lost in the finals last year to Washington, will be loaded again this fall. Marc Brumble is an electrifying runner, although at only 5-10, 170, he doesn't have the size many colleges are looking for. But Brumble rushed for 1,086 yards in 193 carries last season and turned in some fine work at linebacker.

Another top hand for the Rangers will be linebacker guard Harmon Welsh. Tackle Bruce Humphries and nose guard Neil Ramsey have the potential to be real good ones.

Skiatook, which lost in the state semifinals last year, returns almost everybody from that 11-1 team and should be a threat in Class 2A, along with Stroud, Eufaula, Sallisaw, Spiro and Purcell, to name a few.

One of the best for the Bulldogs will be wingback Jack Taylor, who has the quickness, great hunds and savvy to make him a top prospect. Taylor, who is a standout defensive back, scored 106 points last year, most of them on pass receptions.

In Tulsa, McLain, which surprised last year, will not have to sneak up on anyone this fall. The Scots have a dazzling quarterback in fleet James Mack and a promising center in three-sport star John Dyer.

Tulsa Central has a strong running back in Darrell Desmond, who looked great as a sophomore, but was hot and cold last year while rushing for 914 yards. Tulsa East Central has a swift wingback and safety in Brent Miller, who has been clocked in the 40 in 4.5.

Tulsa Webster made it to the Class 3A playoffs last fall and the Warriors could contend again if they get some linemen to go with a stable of fine backs, led by Mike Oakley (6-0, 180). A sleeper could be tackle Dale Ridenhour, who has grown rapidly during the past year and is now filling out at 6-3, 220.

Tulsa Kelley's Terry Upton was the only junior on the 3A 7 all-conference team last year and should be a top performer at 6-3, 227 (runs a 4.9 40). But the Comets could have one of the most impressive linemen in the Southwest if state champion wrestler Jim Clark decides to compete on the gridiron. Clark is 6-7 and should be up to 225 after a summer on weights.

A trio of impressive specimens with the same size (6-3, 195) could end up among the elite after the season finishes. Oklahoma City Classen has another dandy in Fred Gordon, who has started since his sophomore year and may be ready for greatness. A fullback and defensive back, "Fred is a hard hitter and a little mean," says head coach John Dunaway, who has produced some great players.

Scouts will have to take a long look at Drumright's Bill Hilgendorf, who, like Gordon, runs a 4.6 to 4.7 in the 40. He shines at quarterback, but his best action comes at safety and linebacker, where he led the team in tackles last year. Hilgendorf also excels in basketball, baseball and track.

Warner has a potential blue chipper in halfback Anthony Quinn Jones, who runs a 4.6 40 and a 10.1 100. But Jones was sidelined after only three games last year with a cracked hip and will have to prove his 7.2 yard average per carry was no fluke.

Another small school performer with exciting potential is Coweta's Sandy Taylor, who rushed for 1,531 yards last fall and scored 110 points. At 6-2, 205 and with 4.7 quickness, Taylor could better those stats.

A new power on the prep scene last year was Oklahoma City Millwood, and the Class A semifinalist could be even better this fall. Darryl Jones has exceptional quickness (4.6) and great hands, making him a top safety and split end. He caught 35 passes last season for 12 touchdowns and 1,241 yards.

Curtis Carson could also be a standout. He needs to fill out some (6-3, 185), but he runs a 4.6 and scored seven times last year after blocking punts. The rangy defensive end had 152 unassisted tackles.

Clinton has a good one in fullback Tyrone Lewis, who has been the team's leading scorer and rusher the past two years. The 511, 190-pounder rushed for 1,482 yards last year and scored 112 points. Noble has a pair of flyers in Bobby Steely (6-0, 180, 4.5) and Larry Wilhite (6-1, 190, 4.7). Steely rushed for 895 yards and was the second leading pass receiver for Noble last fall.

Alva has a potential star in quarterback Mitch Plummer (6-2, 195). He scored five TD's last year and threw for seven more while rushing for 722 yards. But his punting was his strong suit, with a 43-yard average. Chilocco Indian School has one of the state's better juniors in Homer Arkeketah. The 5-9, 165 sprinter piled up 1,700 yards in total offenee last fall and scored 86 points in eight games.

Hominy, which finally broke through in Class A last year with a state title, will rely on Howard Crawford to keep the Bucks on top. After burning foe after foe last fall with his long bomb touchdown receptions at split end, Crawford will take the place of his all-state cousin Aaron at tailback and should be good, with 6-2, 180 and 4.7 stats.

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PHIL JAMES 5-10, 162, (4.7), Sand Springs
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Bob Brown, 6-2, 200, Lawton
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Chip Latham, 6-2, 195, (4.7), Rush Springs
Craig Box, 6-1, 195, (4.9), Altus
Ron Cramer, 6 3, 205, (4.8), OC John Marshall
Brad Lenaburg, 6-5, 230, (5.1), Cordell
Bob Young, 6-0, 185, (4.9), Woodward

LINEMEN

Mike Lee, 6 1, 210, (4.6), Sapulpa
Mark Rawlings, 6-2, 235, (5.1), Putnam City
Guy Sewell, 6-1, 195, (4.8), Atoka
Doug Adare, 6-1, 225, (5.0), Stroud
Audie Eversole, 6-1, 210, (4.8), Cushing
Terry Upton, 6-3, 227, (4.9), Tulsa Kelley
Charlie Andrews, 6-3, 220, (5.0), Catoosa
Andy Knight, 6-3, 240, Guthrie
Dale Ridenhour, 6-3, 220, (4.9), Tulsa Webster
Curtis Trammell, 6-4, 210, (4.9), Wynnewood
Larry Jakson, 6-3, 215, (4.9), Lawton MacArthur
Barry Bales, 6-3, 225, (5.0), Enid
Roy Scott, 6-2, 240, (5.0), Madill
Greg Morris, 6-2, 245, (5.2), Sallisaw

QUARTERBACKS

James Mack, 6-0, 175, (4.7), Tulsa McLain
Greg Lunsford, 6-0, 190, (4.7), Ponca City
Bill Barnett, 6-2, 180, (4.8), Kiefer
Clifford Agee, 6-3, 200, (4.7), Sulphur
Mark Green, 6-2, 215,Tuttle
Tony Antone, 6-2, 180, (4.9), Lawton Ike
Rusty Riggs, 6 1, 175, (4.6), Edmond
Kenny Field, 6-1, 180, (4.8), Stillwater

RUNNING BACKS

Jeff Jessee, 6-0, 205, (4.8), Midwest City
Jack Taylor, 5-11, 175, (4.7), Skiatook
Howard Crawford, 6-2, 180, (4.7), Hominy
Marc Brumble, 5 9, 170, (4.7), Tulsa Hale
Fred Gordon, 6-3, 195, (4.7), OC Classen
Harmon Welsh, 6-0, 215, (4.9), Tulsa Hale
Kirk Mosley, 6-1, 180, Tulsa Washington
Bruce Terronez, 6-2, 205, (4.9), Davenport
Chris Reynolds, 6-1, 185, (4.7), Shawnee
Darrell Desmond, 6-1, 205, (4.8), Tulsa Central
Bobby Steely, 6-0, 180, (4.5), Noble
Bob Richmond, 5-10, 175, (4.7), Owasso
Mike Baab, 6-2, 175, (4.7), Ada
Tyrone Lewis, 5-11, 190, (4.7), Clinton
Tom Patman, 6-1, 215, El Reno
Sandy Taylor, 61, 195, (4.7), Coweta
Bill Benda, 6-1, 170, (4.6), Mustang
Brent Miller, 6-0, 170, (4.5), Tulsa East Central
Anthony Quinn Jones, 6-3, 190, (4.7), Warner
Bill Hilgendorf, 6-3, 195, (4.6), Drumright
Steve LeGate, 6-0, 205, (4.8), Claremore
Tony Shimonek, 6-1, 185, (4.8), Pawhuska
Mike Oakley, 6-0, 180, (4.7), Tulsa Webster
Carl Henshaw, 5 10, 175, (4.7), Stroud
Del Shouse, 5-11, 165, (4.7), Commerce
Homer Arkeketah, 5-9, 165, (4.8), Chilocco
Rick Sharp, 6 0, 165, (4.7), Muldrow
Darryl Jones, 6-0, 165, (4.6), OC Millwood
Mark Perrault, 6 1, 210, (4.9), OC McGuinness
Larry Wilhite, 6-1, 190, (4.7), Noble
Jimm Beckham, 5-9, 175, (4.8), Lindsay
Les Justus, 6-3, 200, Perry
Bobby Roberts, 5-9, 180, (4.6), Haskell

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Team

TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.
Oklahoma	857	4986	453.3	400	36.4
Nebraska	857	4356	396.0	287	26.1
OSU	807	4114	374.0	303	27.5
Colorado	701	3682	334.7	240	21.8
I. State	833	3669	333.5	245	22.3
K. State	816	3531	321.0	176	16.0
Kansas	767	3182	289.3	235	21.4
Missouri	763	3153	286.6	185	16.8

RUSHING OFFENSE

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Oklahoma	755	3975	361.4
Oklahoma State	660	3198	290.7
Iowa State	630	2503	227.5
Nebraska	619	2479	225.4
Kansas State	641	2443	222.1
Colorado	526	2397	217.9
Missouri	619	2315	210.5
Kansas	430	1043	94.8

PASSING OFFENSE

Team	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.
Kan.	174	337	11	.516	2139	194.5
Neb.	131	238	17	.550	1877	170.6
Colo.	85	175	15	.486	1285	116.8
I. State	82	203	18	.404	1166	106.0
K. State	78	175	17	.446	1088	98.9
Okla.	42	102	8	.412	1011	91.9
OSU	54	147	10	.367	916	83.3
Miss.	69	144	9	.479	838	76.2

TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.
Okla.	712	2492	226.5	133	12.1
Neb.	698	2704	245.8	160	14.5
OSU	778	2818	256.2	186	16.9
Kan.	752	3104	282.2	189	17.2
Miss.	762	3219	292.6	135	12.3
K. State	783	4023	365.7	260	23.6
I. State	786	4092	372.0	236	21.5
Colo.	854	4100	372.7	250	22.7

RUSHING DEFENSE

Team	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Oklahoma	475	1166	106.0
OSU	611	1734	157.6
Missouri	561	1977	179.7
I. State	526	1986	180.5
Kansas	587	2110	191.8
Nebraska	556	2265	205.9
K. State	564	2581	234.6
Colorado	645	2873	261.2

PASSING DEFENSE

	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.
Neb.	40	142	15	.282	439	39.9
Kan.	73	165	25	.442	994	90.4
OSU	78	167	14	.467	1084	98.5
Colo.	87	209	16	.416	1227	111.5
Miss.	97	201	14	.483	1242	112.9
Okla.	103	237	18	.435	1326	120.5
K. State	108	219	15	.493	1442	131.1
I. State	135	260	19	.519	2106	191.5

Individual

LEADING RUSHERS

Player, School	Att.	Net	Play Avg.	Game Avg.
Washington, OU	176	1173	6.7	106.6
Jackson, KS	225	1137	5.1	103.4
Strachan, IS	272	1103	4.1	100.3
Clark, OU	209	1014	4.9	92.2
Davis, NU	254	1008	4.0	91.6
Davis, OU	179	887	5.0	80.6
Blackman, OS	175	809	4.6	73.5
Williams, KU	198	762	3.8	69.3
Davis, CU	118	646	5.5	64.6
Bybee, MU	127	563	4.4	62.6

LEADING PASSERS

Player, School	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	Yds. Gain
Jaynes, KU	172	330	.521	9	2131
Humm, NU	109	196	.556	12	1526
Grogan, KS	72	164	.439	15	1050
Davis, OU	38	91	.418	6	934
Cherry, MU	59	120	.492	8	743
Stanley, IS	49	116	.422	9	723
Crutchmer, CU	50	89	.562	8	722
Blackman, OS	40	110	.364	7	602
Hardeman, IS	31	81	.383	8	420

LEADING RECEIVERS

Player, School	Caught	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Edwards, KU	49	802	3	16.3
Williams, KU	33	272	1	8.2
Childs, KS	32	502	2	15.6
Krepfle, IS	30	436	5	14.5
Bahe, NU	30	406	2	13.5
Anderson, NU	26	504	8	19.3
Miller, KU	27	238	1	8.8
Adams, KU	26	385	7	14.8
Cain, CU	23	293	2	12.7
Logan, CU	22	395	4	17.9

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player, School	TOTAL Att.	Yds.	Game Avg.
Jaynes, KU	426	1933	175.7
Davis, OU	270	1821	165.5
Humm, NU	231	1513	151.3
Grogan, KS	352	1422	129.3
Blackmam, OS	285	1411	128.3
Washington, OU	177	1213	110.3
Jackson, KS	225	1137	103.4
Strachan, IS	273	1103	100.3
Hardeman, IS	170	888	98.7
Stanley, IS	197	947	94.7

PUNTING

Player, School	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Grogan, KS	4	192	48.0
Parsley, OS	42	1752	41.7
Longwell, NU	6	249	41.5
Bradley, IS	65	2661	40.9
Sanger, NU	52	2088	40.2
Terry, OS	13	517	39.8

PUNT RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Moseley, MU	19	314	2	16.5
Adams, KU	26	288	0	11.1
Logan, CU	16	172	1	10.8
Washington, OU	25	260	1	10.4
Borg, NU	28	253	1	9.0
Bolks, IS	19	100	0	5.3

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Moseley, MU	17	434	0	25.5
Haggerty, CU	19	470	0	24.7
Jones, IS	16	365	0	22.8
Jackson, KS	16	282	0	17.6

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TD
Hill, IS	8	99	0
Hughes, OU	5	165	1
Powers, OU	5	127	1
Bland, CU	5	76	0
Bron, KU	5	34	0
Chambliss, KS	4	85	0
Martinez, CU	4	41	0
Stewart, OS	4	30	1
Thornton, NU	4	24	0
David, KU	4	21	0
Knoff, KU	4	17	0
Bozich, IS	4	5	0

SCORING

Player, School	G	TD	PAT	FG	Points
Davis, OU	11	18	0	0	108
Davis, NU	11	13	0	0	78
Goedjen, IS	11	0	25	15	70
Fulcher, OU	11	0	49	6	67
Washington, OU	11	10	0	0	60
Jackson, KS	11	10	0	0	60
Williams, KU	11	10	0	0	60
Hill, MU	11	0	20	13	59
Daigle, OS	11	0	29	8	53
Anderson, NU	10	8	0	0	48

At the Finish Line

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

ALL GAMES

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp. Pts.	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Okla.	7	0	0	275	79	10	0	1	400	133
Kan.	4	2	1	117	134	7	3	1	235	189
Neb.	4	2	1	148	110	8	2	1	287	160
OSU	2	3	2	132	146	5	4	2	303	186
Miss.	3	4	0	93	107	7	4	0	185	135
I. State	2	5	0	124	150	4	7	0	245	236
K. State	2	5	0	107	223	5	6	0	176	260
Colo.	2	5	0	116	163	5	6	0	240	250

Freshmen Bolster

Every school in the conference has another Johnny Rodgers, Lucious Selmon and .Big Daddy" Hunt scheduled to arrive on campus this fall. But painful as it may sound, most of these pre-Big Eight wonders will fail to live up to their pedigrees. The real trick is to spot the high school jewels who will still glitter after a year of Big 8 combat. By HANK KEITZ

EVERY FALL A NEW CROP OF FRESHMEN swagger onto Big 8 campuses with letter jackets over one arm and an album stuffed with press clippings under the other. These are the prized "blue chips."

But their presence hasn't gone unnoticed. Many months before, while coaches were still chewing their nails over last minute letter-of-intent losses, football buffs were already penciling in these yearlings on the varsity depth charts. Why a defection on the national signing date is worse than a 20 point drop on Wall Street.

"Can you believe we lost Knapple to UCLA?" "Why Little would choose Arkansas is beyond me!" You know they had to have offered that Green kid something to get him away from us." "Miller signed with who? Oh, no, not them."

You see, inside sources, "close to the coach" have already passed the word on who's being brought in to fill the gaps left by graduation.

"This one guy is at least 6 foot 4 and one-half, by about 235 (but his high school coach says he'll play at 250), has run a 4.7 forty, IN PADS, can bench press over 400 pounds and, confidentially now, has that rare ability to turn the whole program around."

The arm-chair football fan knows plenty about the incoming crop of freshmen even before he arrives. But only the cream rises to the top and determining which athletes have that delicate balance of size, speed, coordination, instinct and raw determination to survive is indeed a challenge.

As painful as it may sound, most of these pre-Big 8 wonders never live up to their pedigrees. A few never even make it to enrollment. A score more are listed as "missing in action" at the close of August two-a-days. And finally, those 4.7 speeds of the spring begin to look more like the 5.2 crawl in the fall, and the recruiters have to start all over again looking for another Glover.

To attempt to pin point the cream of the crop is almost as precarious as picking the Big Eight race. There will always be a Shoate, a Moseley or a Strachan who will come out of nowhere and become the rage of the conference. But with the aid of the college recruiters it is possible to determine with some degree of accuracy who will be the "supers" of tomorrow.

Before turning to the plums in this year's yield, let's take a brief look back at the graduates of our first two "Freshman Harvest's" and see what's become of them.

MIKE TYSON (ISU): No one beats out Mike Strachan. But hold on there! Tyson was so compelling as a freshman that Strachan was moved to fullback to open the door for this dynamic duo.

BOBBY THOMAS (NU): Don't be surprised if Thomas is the most exciting punt return specialist in the conference this year. He won't make you forget Johnny Rodgers, but he reminds.

PHILLIP DOKES (OSU): Arkansas declared a day in this lad's honor in '73 but John Little persuaded the not-so-gentle giant to cast his lot with the Cowboys and he easily ranks as the LeRoy Selmon of the 1973 freshman class.

THEOPILIS BRYANT (KSU): Vince Gibson coached five All-American linebackers at Tennessee and believes this "Butkus-like" backer is the best of the bunch. When Shoate, Towle, Pickens and Minnesota Twins depart, this clap-gun middle linebacker will be heard from.

STAN WALDEMORE (NU): Battling another Cornhusker sophomore for starting defensive tackle status. Lest this go unnoticed, rarely does a sophomore gain admission to the "Black Shirts" inner sanctum. Even Rich Glover toiled in obscurity until his junior year. But wait! Who's the other sophomore vying for this starting birth? Look back to the first issue of THE BIG EIGHT. . .Schoolboy Super Stars. . .Mike Fultz, Lincoln, Neb. fullback was elected as a 'tackle" to the "elite eleven". While we're high on Waldemore, look for Fultz to emerge as the "Bell-Cow".

Big Eight Fortunes

CHEZ EVANS (OU): In an offensive line which the Sooners compare on a par with the Brahaney, Unruh, Chandler bunch, Chez would figure to start as a sohpomore. Alas, the Sooners need some security behind the Selmons and have opted to postpone his All-American debut until 1975.

RICKY TAYLOR (OSU): It's a little premature, but it's a good bet that Taylor will finish with around 30 receptions and be a constant threat to break a game open for the Cowboys.

MORRIS TOWNES (MU): But for a spring injury, Townes might well have earned a starting slot in the offensive line, after spending his freshman season on defensive.

DON HASSELBECK (CU): Started for Colorado as a frosh when All-American J.V. Cain was injured. Is an imposing figure at 6-7, 235. Every indication is that he'll finish in Cain fashion.

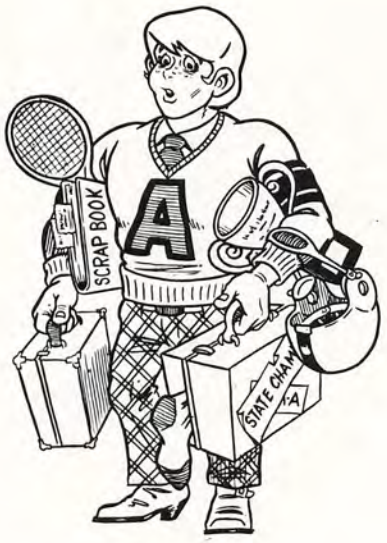
MIKE BUTLER (KU): Part-time starter as a frosh on a defense which led the nation in turnovers and interceptions.

MELVIN JOHNSON (CU): Started most of the spring ahead of Billy Waddy and "almost" finished in a dead heat. But when Waddy's "on", he's goal-line magic, and in the spring game he was unstoppable. And where was Waddy on our frosh team? As a little known quarterback from Bolling, Texas, Billy was easy to overlook when we went to press in early June. But in the Texas All-State game in August, when all the scouts were drooling over Jeff "The Jet" Bergeron, we felt Waddy was his equal. Waddy will battle Tyson for Sophomore-of-the-year honors in the Big 8, while "The Jet"' has since become one of those two-a-day casualties we spoke of earlier.

And our '72 grauduates? How about Joe Washington (OU), David Logan (CU), LeRoy Selmon (OU), Bob Bos (ISU), David Williams (CU), John Morgan (KU), and John O'Leary (NU) for starters.

Now let me tell you about this year's crop. . . ya won't believe some of these critters! Why this one fella can run a 4.6 40 IN PADS. 8

Freshman Harvest



"About three weeks before the signing date arrived, I decided I was going to go to Oklahoma State. There wasn't any doubt. The toughest thing I had to do was tell some of the other Big Eight teams of my decision,"

Terry Miller, All-American running back, from Colorado Springs.

By AL ESCHBACH *Oklahoma Journal*

TERRY MILLER may be the top freshman running back in the Big 8 in '74.

AT HIGH NOON EVERY SATURDAY during the fall, frenzied football fans watch with interest as their favorite Big Eight teams face off in shootouts. When the synthetic sod settles, only the hardiest remain standing.

But if these gridiron gunfights appear heated, the encounters off the field are even more brazen. When teams clash over a high school blue chip, hold onto your chin strap!

Recruiting is big business . . . perhaps more crucial to a winning program than sideline strategy and banquet eloquence. And the battles waged in the off season are almost as vicious as the combat on the field. And just like those autumn Saturdays, there are plenty of upsets and surprises.

EXAMPLE—''I thought right before the signing date that we were going to get Terry Miller. He seemed very favorable to us,'' Jerry Pettibone, Oklahoma recruiting chief.

''I couldn't believe it when Miller signed with Oklahoma State. I thought for sure we were going to get him. It sure was an upset,'' said one Colorado coach.

EXAMPLE—Jeff Knapple, one of the most sought after quarterback prospects from Boulder,Colorado was not going to sign a letter of intent on the Big Eight signing date. He gave Bill Mallory that promise. The weekend before the signing date Tom Osborne flew into Boulder and told Knapple he was one of the Huskers top quarterback prospects. (Nebraska had also signed quarterback Tommy Sorley of Big Springs, Texas). Knapple signed with Nebraska to Mallory's chagrin but later left both coaches perplexed by inking a national letter with UCLA. Boulder residence had considerable influence on Knapple's ultimate California migration.

EXAMPLE—''I was in Miami recruiting Elvis Peacock. It was after most other prospects had signed. I ran into Bobby Cole, an Oklahoma State assistant. I couldn't believe they were going to try to come in so late and get him away from us. I sure didn't tell Cole where he could find Peacock,'' Gene Hochevar, assistant Oklahoma Coach.

As usual there were last minute changes by some prize prospects. And as usual all of the coaches are claiming victories in these off the field battles.

Oklahoma, heading into its final year of probation, didn't let the restrictions dampen a banner recruiting year. The

Sooners are saying they got one of their top group of linemen to go along with All-American running back Elvis Peacock.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said the Huskers harvested what they have missed the most in the past few years—some speedy, skittery running backs.

Missouri tried to get some big and quick linemen. And that's what the Tigers came away with.

Bill Mallory entered the recruiting war late after taking over from Eddie Crowder. The Buffs lost the two top prospects in Colorado—Terry Miller and Jeff Knapple—but Mallory was content with what he did corral.

Oklahoma State landed some outstanding prospects at the skilled positions. That's what Jim Stanley was looking for to compliment last years bluechip best. The Cowboys also inked one of the top running back prospects ever to sign at Stillwater in Miller.

Vince Gibson at Kansas State was quite satisfied with what his Wildcats bagged. The biggest smile you'll get from him is when you mention Joe Brown, an All-American lineman from Toledo, Ohio.

Iowa State was another school shopping for some big linemen. The Cyclones came away with the two best prospects in Iowa. That was a key to the Cyclone's recruiting.

Kansas had its biggest successes prospecting in other Big Eight states. The vein ran the richest in Missouri where the Jayhawks sifted out three all-staters.

Of the 22 players selected to the All-Big Eight team, six were chosen from Oklahoma, four from Nebraska and three apiece from Kansas State and Missouri.

The most glittering catches seem to be in the running back departments where three consensus All-Americans will be playing in the Big Eight this season.

Miller will be at Oklahoma State, Elvis Peacock will be at Oklahoma and Curtis Craig will be wearing the Nebraska red.

"Not only was Terry Miller the best back in Colorado, but it is hard for me to imagine that there was a better back in the country," says Miller's high school coach Jim Hartman. "They say that Jerry Eckwood (Arkansas) had better stats than Miller, but that's wrong."

The 6-0,180-pound speedster, who won the state 100-yard dash in 9.6, gained 2,778 yards on 310 carries during his brilliant senior campaign. He also scored points at a rapid pace with 37 touchdowns. Miller has clocked a 9.5.

"He's just a super athlete," Hartman continued. "He's the best I've ever been associated with. He has great durability. He ran the ball 25 to 30 times a game.

"His greatest strength is once he turns the corner. Once he does that it's good-bye city. He isn't a jitterbug type runner, he just relies on his speed."

Peacock has the physical capabilities that make the Sooner coaches drool. He is 6-2, 200-pounds and ran a 9.5 100 during the spring.

"He might be the best high school running back that I have ever seen," said former Oklahoma Heisman Trophy winner Billy Vessels, who now resides in Miami, Fla. "He has quite a few moves.

"I would have to call him a big Greg Pruitt. I think he'll make a super college prospect," Vessels continued. "Every major college in the country was after him."

Peacock had 1,800 yards in total acreage during his final two campaigns.

"I would have to say from watching films of Peacock, that he's the same type of prospect as Pruitt or Joe Washington," said Pettibone. "The only thing different is that Peacock is bigger!"

Craig, a 5-11, 175-pound flyer, was regarded as the top prospect in Iowa.

"He's a super one. He's the best that I've ever been associated with," said Jim Fox who coached him at Davenport Central High School. "He has all the moves."

Craig rushed for 1,786 yards and scored 32 touchdowns. He saved his best for last when he scored six touchdowns in the state championship game to personally hand Central the title. He has run the 100 in 9.8.

Craig was also a state wrestling champion and led his team in track. "There's not much doubt about Curtis Craig

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Hometown	Ht	Wt	College
TE	Floyd Dorsey	Shawnee Mission, Ks	6-5	215	Kansas State
T	Jackie Thornton	Farmington, N.M.	6-5	340	Colorado
G	Mark Stevenson	Rock Island, Ill.	6-5	235	Missouri
C	Randy Wepler	Liberty, Mo.	6-4	230	Missouri
G	Bob Galeno	Stockton, Calif.	6-3	250	Nebraska
T	Jeff Ward	Moore, Okla.	6-5	265	Oklahoma
SE	Ben Young	Ponca City, Okla.	6-3	205	Oklahoma St
QB	Dean Blevins	Norman, Okla.	5-11	180	Oklahoma
HB	Curtis Craig	Davenport, Ia.	5-11	187	Nebraska
HB	Elvis Peacock	Miami, Fla.	6-0	200	Oklahoma
HB	Terry Miller	Colorado Springs Co.	6-0	180	Oklahoma St

DEFENSE

E	Howard Humphrey	Morris, Okla.	6-7	230	Oklahoma
T	Mike Stensrud	Lake Mills, Ia.	6-5	265	Iowa State
NG	Bill Barnett	Stillwater, Minn.	6-5	240	Nebraska
T	Richard Murray	Greenville, Tex.	6-3	237	Oklahoma
E	Joe Brown	Toledo, Ohio	6-4	232	Kansas State
LB	Pete Allard	Chicago, Ill.	6-0	235	Missouri
LB	Joel Estes	Sherman, Tex.	6-6	230	Oklahoma
LB	Gary Spani	Manhattan, Ks.	6-3	215	Kansas State
DB	Gary Washington	Colorado Springs	6-3	230	Colorado
DB	Kim Mix	Columbus, Ohio	6-2	210	Nebraska
DB	Bill Campfield	Derby, Ks.	6-1	185	Kansas

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being one of the top prospects around," said Pettibone. "He could also be a heckuva defensive back."

Named as quarterback is Dean Blevins, who comes out of Oklahoma's backyard of Norman. But the Sooners had a tough time trying to keep him there.

The 5-11, 180-pound speedster decided on OU after visiting Alabama and Arkansas in football. He also was courted by such schools as UCLA, Kansas and North Carolina for his basketball prowess. He will try to play both sports at Oklahoma.

"He's definitely the top quarterback prospect we have had at Oklahoma since Jack Mildren," praised Pettibone. "He has quite a bit of natural ability. There's no doubt in my mind that he was the best wishbone quarterback prospect in Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas."

Blevins runs the 40 in 4.5. He came out for track late in the spring and ran the 100 in 10.0 flat his first time. He has been plagued by injuries during his football career.

"I think Blevins is a super basketball prospect," said Sooner cage coach Joe Ramsey. "I think he could help us right away."

Stationed at the end slots are Ben Young of Ponca City, Okla. (OSU) and Floyd Dorsey of Shawnee Mission, Kan. (Kansas State).

Young is a 6-3, 205-pounder who played fullback during his senior year. He was sidelined with an injury after four games, but still rushed for over 400 yards and scored six touchdowns.

ELVIS PEACOCK of Miami, Fla. was wooed by the likes of USC, Michigan, Georgia, et al before inking with Oklahoma.

As a junior, Young was a receiver and caught 55 passes for 857 yards, and 10 scores. He runs the 40 in 4.6.

"I think Ben is going to be a great college player," said prep coach Jerry Runyan. "Not only does he have the size, but he has great speed. He also has a very fine pair of hands."

Dorsey is a 6-5, 215-pounder who covers the 40 in 4.8.

"The greatest attribute that Floyd has is his strength," said Shawnee Mission South coach John Davis. "He's also a super athlete.

"He was an all-state selection in basketball and set an all-time record at the state track meet for the discus by throwing it 180 feet. He made all-conference on both offense and defense in football."

Making up the interior line are giants Jackie Thornton of Farmington, New Mexico (Colorado) and Jeff Ward of Moore, Okla. (Oklahoma) at the tackles and Bob Galano of Stockton, Ca. (Nebraska) and Mark Stevenson of Rock Island, Ill. (Missouri) at the guards and center Randy Wepler of Liberty, Mo. (Missouri).

Thornton does not lack in size. He stands 6-5 and weighs 340 pounds. He lumbers over the 40 in 5.3.

"I think he was definitely the best line prospect in New Mexico," said Farmington coach Lloyd Masarenas. "Every Big Eight school tried to recruit him. I've never seen anyone as strong as him."

Thornton was a three-time state wrestling champion and finished second as a freshman.

"He's so big, it's unbelieveable," Mascarenas said. "The University of Texas sent him a pair of pants, and he couldn't even get them over his pads. "We had to sew two pairs of pants together to make one."

Ward is another mountain-like prospect, who also was a state wrestling champion during his junior year. He is 6-5, 265-pounds and runs the 40 in 5.0. Just about every major college tried to recruit him.

"We think that Jeff can be a great player," said Sooner boss Barry Switzer. "He has all the tools. He has good quickness and great strength."

Ward had his finest game against Norman when he made 26 tackles.

"The guy in front of me was calling me names and got me real mad," Ward said. "I just decided then that I wanted to wreck him."

Galeno is an All-American selection Nebraska scooped up. He's 6-3, 250 pounder with 5.0 speed in the 40.

Galeno's prep coach Charlie Washington was asked how many people recruited his prize.

"How many major colleges are there in the country?" he asked. "That's how many recruited him."

Washington continued his praise of Galeno.

"He's one of the best downfield blockers I have ever seen. And he has great strength. The amazing thing is that he played his entire senior year and was only 16-years-old.

Winning Program Than Sideline Strategy And Banquet Eloquence.

He didn't turn 17 until February. He was the best line prospect in California."

Stevenson is 6-5 via 225 pounds. He runs the 40 in 4.7 and has thrown the shot 60 feet 8 inches and the discus 181 feet.

"Mark is an excellent blocker. We ran most of our stuff behind him," said coach Gary Embrepson. "He was recruited by most of the Big Eight schools and some of the Big 10."

Wepler is regarded as a top-notch center candidate. A good reason is his 6-4, 230-pound frame with 4.9 speed in the 40. He started on both offense and defense.

"He's a super athlete. He had about 16 scholarship offers," said coach Ron Hall. "Most all of the people tried to run away from him on defense after the season began."

Sparking the defensive unit are a couple of highly sought-after linebackers in Joel Estes of Sherman, Tx. (Oklahoma) and Pete Allard of Chicago (Missouri).

"We think that Joel can help us this year," says Pettibone. "He has super potential. He could either be a linebacker or a defensive end."

Estes was regarded as the top linebacking prospect in Texas. One of the reasons is that he's 6-6, 230 pounds and runs the 40 in 4.8.

"He has a great deal of raw talent," Tom Hudspeth his coach says. "He averaged about 15 tackles a game. He had about 50 to 60 offers. I think someday he'll be an outstanding pro prospect."

Allard was sought by practically every major school. He was a prep All-American and captain of the Illinois all-state team.

"He was regarded as the top linebacking prospect in Chicago," said coach Tom Kavanaugh. "He punishes people. He averaged 12 tackles a game. Everyone in the Big 10 recruited Pete. Penn State and Notre Dame were after him and Michigan wanted him real bad."

The defensive line is manned by a group of big and quick performers. They should be heard from soon.

Named at ends are Joe Brown of Toledo, Ohio (Kansas State) and Howard Humphrey of Morris, Ok. (Oklahoma), at the tackles are Mike Stensrud of Lake Mills, Ia. (Iowa State) and Richard Murray of Greenville, Tx. (Oklahoma). The nose guard is Bill Barnett of Stillwater, Minn. (Nebraska).

Brown was Kansas State's prize plum. He's a 6-4, 232-pound All-American with 4.7 speed in the 40. The Wildcats are counting on him to help during the current campaign.

"You name a college, and they tried to recruit him," said coach Richard Johnson. "He was regarded as the best defensive line prospect in Ohio. People from Southern Cal, Alabama and Texas tried to recruit him.

"He made 132 tackles in two years. He'll probably play at 250 in college. He has super quickness."

Oklahoma is very high on Murray. He was sought-after by all the Southwest Conference schools. He's 6-3 1/2 and weighs 237. It takes him 4.9 to do the 40.

"We think he was as fine a line prospect as there was in Texas," said Pettibone. "He's very strong. He threw the shot put 59 and 3/4."

"He's one of the best defensive prospects that I have coached," said Greenville skipper Larry Hogue. "He was elected player of the year in the Dallas area. He has great physical capabilities."

Another with super physical capabilities is Humphrey. Sooner coaches like the thought of the 6-7, 230-pounder, being in Norman for the next four years. He doesn't lack speed either. He runs the 40 in 4.7.

Humphrey, who drew the interest of UCLA cage coach John Wooden, averaged 19.6 unassisted tackles a game.

"You have to see Howard to believe him," said Sooner defensive boss Larry Lacewell, who recruited him. "There's no telling how good he can be. We think that some day he's going to be a great one."

Stensrud, along with Tom Randall of Mason City, were considered the two top line prospects in Iowa. The Cyclones couldn't be more satisfied about getting both.

"Mike is so strong you wouldn't believe it," said coach Charles Nichol. "He was the state's heavyweight wrestling champion and pinned everyone but two people during his last two years. We also used him at fullback some. In one game he gained 165 yards."

Stensrud is pretty tough to bring down because he's 6-5 and 265 pounds. He runs the 40 in 5.0. He averaged 14 tackles a game.

Nebraska got another blue-chipper in Barnett, a 6-5, 240 pounder who does the 40 in 4.9.

"He was the best line prospect in Minnesota," his coach George Thole said. "He's as good a defense player as I have coached. About 29 major schools were after him. He averaged about a dozen tackles a game."

Completing the rest of the defensive brigade are backs Bill Campfield of Derby, Ks. (Kansas), Gary Washington of Colorado Springs, Co. (Colorado) and Kim Mix of Columbus, Ohio (Nebraska). Also named is linebacker Gary Spani of Manhattan, Ks. (Kansas State).

Washington is an interesting story. The deaf youngster played for Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. He did not compete the past season because he had used up his eligibility.

"He could be a super offensive prospect, but I think they might have troubles getting the signals to him," said coach Joe Sisneros. "He's 6-3 and weighs 230 pounds. He has great quickness. He runs the 40 in 4.8. He scored 74 touchdowns in his last two years for us."

Mix is considered an outstanding running back prospect, also. He has good size—6-2, 210. And good speed—4.5 in the 40.

"He has the speed of a halfback and the strength of a fullback," raised his high school coach Paul Hudson. "Just about every major school recruited him."

Campfield is a speedster with 4.4 times in the 40. The 6-1, 185-pounder rushed for 900 yards. "He likes contact and could be a super defensive back," said coach Tom McVay.

Spani is a 6-3, 215-pounder who runs the 40 in 4.8.

PETE ALLARD, Missouri

FLOYD DORSEY, Kansas State

GARY WASHINGTON, Colorado

JAMES EMERSON, Kansas

BIG EIGHT FRESHMEN ROSTERS

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

E GERALD BAIN, Oklahoma State
T FRANK OSBORN, Kansas
G MIKE LARSEN, Iowa State
C JAMES PRICE, Kansas State
G CRAIG SIMMONS, Oklahoma State
T JAMES TAYLOR, Missouri
SE LAMONT DOWNER, Missouri
QB PETE WOODS, Missouri
HB MYRON SHOATE, Oklahoma
HB JOHN SOLOMON, Iowa State
HB JEFF HILLIAR, Missouri

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

E THAD PALMER, Oklahoma State
T PAUL DAUGHERTY, Iowa State
NG TOM RANDALL, Iowa State
T JAMES EMERSON, Kansas
E MIKE EAGEN, Colorado
LB JIM YOUNG, Kansas
LB MONTE ANTHONY, Nebraska
LB RICH HALLACKER, Oklahoma State
DB MONTE RAY MONTGOMERY, Missouri
DB JEFF LEE, Nebraska
DB BYRON STEWART, Nebraska

IOWA STATE

ENDS Maynard Stensrud (6-3, 220) Lake Mills, Io. (Juco); Mel Dunklin (6-1, 185) Warren, Ohio (Juco); Curt Parvin (6-4, 225) Endicott, N.Y.; Bob Allen (6-3, 225) Syracuse, N.Y.; Anthony Crunson (6-6, 220) Miami, Fla.; Nelson Taylor (6-3, 180) Lakeland, Fla.; Guy Preston (6-7, 210) Ferguson, Mo.

LINEMEN Mike Stensrud (6-5, 275) Lake Mills, Io.; Dave Cheesbrough (6-2, 223) Bridgeville, Pa.; Tom Randall (6-6, 235) Mason City, Io.; Kevin Cunningham (6-6, 233) Chicago, Ill.; Jeff Yurchak (6-3, 235) Carnegie, Pa.; Mark Boehm (6-2, 225) Council Bluffs, Io.; Jimmy Potter (6-3, 235) Huntington Beach, Calif. (Juco).

LINEBACKERS Mike Larsen (6-3, 235) Harlan, Io.

QUARTERBACKS Bill Saban (6-1, 195) Chicago, Ill.; Kevin Hart (6-1, 195) Kansas City, Mo.; Rich Blabolil (6-1, 185) Chesterfield, Mo.

BACKS Ken Stracener (6-0, 185) Clinton, Io.; John Solomon (6-0, 185) Clyde, N.Y.; Mark Luhr (6-2, 195) Syracuse, N.Y.; Wayne Lyles (6-0, 185) Buffalo, N.Y. Herb Linn (6-4, 220) Valencia, Pa.; Courtney Graham (6-0, 180) Miami, Fla.; Jimmy Randolph (6-1, 180) Jacksonville, Fla.; Paul Daugherty (6-3, 235) Charleston, West Va.; Tim Smith (5-10, 185) Fremont, Ohio; Tom Carrithers (6-1, 185) Council Bluffs, Io.; Denny Engel (6-1, 205) Cincinnati, Oh.; Cal Cummins (6-1, 190) Freeport, Ill.

KANSAS STATE

ENDS Standford Cherry (6-3, 225) Tuttle, Okla.; Joe Brown (6-4, 230) Toledo, Ohio; James Reynolds (6-3, 215) Norman, Okla.; David Bright (6-1, 180) Swainsboro, Ga.

LINEMEN Clenn Plotkin (6-2, 225) Shawnee Mission (South), Kan.; Scott Burnett (6-2, 220) Shawnee Mission, Kan.; Floyd Dorsey (6-5, 215) Shawnee Mission, Kan.; David Long (6-5, 237) Topeka, Kan.; Chris Malmgren (6-3, 235) Spring Valley, Calif.; Ernie Navarro (6-3, 247) Los Angeles, Calif.; Jim Rogers (6-4, 245) Griswald, Io.; Michael Rasley (6-5, 225) Iowa City, Io.

LINEBACKERS Tom Price 4 (6-2, 220) Shawnee Mission, Kan.; Gary Spani (6-3, 215) Manhattan, Kan.

QUARTERBACKS Jeff Beeson (6-2, 190) Los Gates, Calif.; Joe Hatcher (6-1, 185) Denver, Colo.; Rick Pusa (6-2, 185) Menomonee Falls, Wis.

BACKS Fred Azrak (5-9, 165) Hialeah, Fla.; James Couch (6-2, 230) Grand Rapids, Mich. (Juco); Kerwin Cox (5-10, 175) Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mike Namsher (6-3, 185) Muscatine, Io.; John Lattany (6-2, 192) Waynesville, Ga.; Don Osmun (6-0, 185) Grystal Lake, Ill.; Dave Reynolds 170) (5-10,/

PUNTER David Scheves (6-2, 195) Miami, Okla. (Juco).

NEBRASKA

ENDS George Andrews (6-4, 200) Omaha, Neb.; Robert Link (6-4, 215) Boulder, Colo.; Mitchell Webb (6-4, 205) Redding, Calif.; Lafayette Donnell (6-2, 208) Hackensack, N.J.

LINEMEN Bill Barnett (6-5, 233) Afton, Minn.; Robert Galano (6-3, 245) Stockton, Calif.; John Kroneberger (6-5, 235) Salina, Kan.; Steve Lindquist (6-6, 215) Minneapolis, Minn.; Tom Ohrt (6-4, 210) Millard, Neb.; Randy Poeschl (6-7, 230) Eremont, Neb.; Paul Walderzak (6-3, 248) Saginaw, Mich.; Roger Wilkens (6-3, 225) Omaha, Neb.; Kevin Clark (6-3, 220) Odessa, Tex.

LINEBACKERS Monte Anthony (6-3, 200) Bellevue, Neb.

QUARTERBACKS Tom Sorley (6-2, 200) Big Spring, Tex.

BACKS Ted Harvey (6-0, 165) Lexington, Neb.; Kim Mix (6-2, 210) Columbus, Oh.; Budge Porter (6-0, 175) Nebraska City, Neb.; Tom Ridder (6-3, 195) West Point, Neb.; Mike Thompson 1 (5-10, 167) Omaha, Neb.; Darrell Walton (5-9, 160) Omaha, Neb.; Jake Cabell (6-3, 196) Danville, Va. (Juco); Curtis Craig (5-10, 180) Davenport, Io.; Randy Dudley (6-3, 205) Beltsville, Md.; Jim Pillen (6-1, 185) Columbus, Neb.; Byron Stewart (6-1, 190) Owenhill, Md.; Jeff Hansen (6-2, 190) Sacramento, Calif.; Ray Phillips (6-2, 190) Detroit, Mich. (Juco); Jeff Lee (6-3, 180) Racine, Wis.

OKLAHOMA

ENDS Terry Sherman (6-4, 218) New Orleans, La.; Ken Franklin (6-1, 215) Houston, Tex.

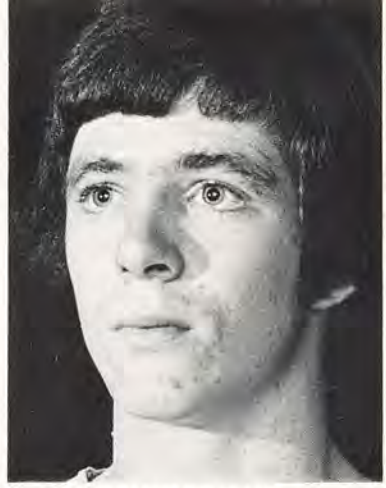
LINEMEN Karl Baldischwiler (6-5, 215) Okmulgee, Okla.; Sam Claphan (6-6, 240) Stilwell, Okla.; Jody Farthing (6-0, 215) Midwest City, Okla.; Howard Humphrey (6-7, 230) Morris, Okla.; Harvey Johnson (6-5, 225) Tulsa, Okla.; Phil Roland (6-4, 220) Broken Arrow, Okla.; Jeff Ward (6-6, 265) Moore, Okla.; Richard Murray (6-3, 240) Greenville, Tex.

LINEBACKERS Joel Estes (6-6, 218) Sherman, Tex.; Rusty Griffis (6-3, 200) Eufaula, Okla.; Chavez Linzy, (6-0, 196) Northeastern A&M (Juco); Danny McCullough (6-1, 210) Bricktown, N.J.;

MIKE STENSRUD, Iowa State

TERRY MILLER, Oklahoma State

CURTIS CRAIG, Nebraska



DEAN BLEVINS, Oklahoma

QUARTERBACKS Dean Blevins (6-0, 180) Norman, Okla.

BACKS Vickey Ray Anderson (5-11, 190) Oklahoma City, Okla.; Jeff Brown (5-10, 170) Oklahoma City, Okla.; John Bunch (6-0, 185) Spiro, Okla.; Zac Henderson (6-2, 180) Burkburnett, Tex.; Mike Pleasant (6-2, 185) Muskogee, Okla.; Myron Shoate (5-11, 185) Spiro, Okla.; Horace Ivory (5-11, 185) Navarro Junior College (Juco); Keith Thomas (6-3, 198) Navarro Junior College (Juco); Butch Hill (5-11, 185) Northeastern A&M (Juco); Elvis Peacock (6-1, 195) Miami, Fla.; Jimmy Rogers (5-10, 185) Eorrest City, Ark.

MISSOURI

ENDS Lamont Downer (6-3, 180) University City, Mo.; Doug Hertzog (6-1, 210) Lees Summit, Mo.; Mike Owen (6-5, 215) Stotts City, Mo.; Ron Suda (6-4, 220) St. Louis, Mo.

LINEMEN William Anderson (6-0, 228) University City, Mo.; Dennis Disselhoff (6-6, 230) Kansas City, Mo.; Dan Smith (6-6, 260) St. Louis, Mo. (Juco); Mark Stevenson (6-4, 235) Rock Island, Ill.; James Taylor (6-5, 250) Peoria, Ill.; David Wallington (6-2, 218) Farmington, Mich.; Randy Wepler (6-5, 235) Liberty, Mo.; Kurt Wolfenberger (6-3, 227) Hutchinson, Kan.; D.W. Johnston (6-4, 246) El Cajon, Calif. (Juco); Steve Meyer (6-3, 223) El Cajon, Calif. (Juco).

LINEBACKERS Pete Allard (6-0, 235) Chicago, Ill.; David Legg (6-1, 190) Kansas City, Mo.

QUARTERBACKS Greg Cypret (6-1, 175) Hazelwood, Mo.; Bill Seabaugh (6-2, 180) Cape Giradeau, Mo.; Paul Shortal (5-11, 170) St. Louis, Mo.; Pete Woods (6-4, 210) University City, Mo.; Jim Leavitt (6-3, 185) St. Petersburg, Fla.

BACKS Jeff Hilliar (6-1, 190) Webster Groves, Mo.; Tom McBride (6-2, 215) Springfield, Ill.; Joe Stewart (6-0, 180) Evanston, Ill.; Tony Galbreath (6-1, 227) Centerville, Ia. (Juco); Stan Clarry (6-2, 185) DuQuoin, Ill.; Monte Ray Montgomery (6-3, 180) Manhattan, Kan.; Terry Newman (5-11, 175) Columbia, Mo.

COLORADO

ENDS Leon Minter (6-5, 215) Kent, Wash.; Mike Hagen (6-4, 215) Lubbock, Tex.; Mark Krupicka (6-5, 216) Odessa, Tex.; Steve Kubinski (6-4, 215) El Paso, Tex.;Chuck McCarter (6-6, 188) Ft. Worth, Tex.

LINEMEN Larry Bradley (6-4, 235) Security, Colo.; Jackie Thornton (6-5, 330) Farmington, N.M.; Dave Griffin (6-3, 220) Fort Collins, Colo.; Roger Russomanno (6-4, 230) Denver, Colo.; John Sutrina (6-1, 210) Grand Junction, Colo.; Matt Miller (6-5, 237) Durango, Colo.; Clancy Kelley (6-2, 220) Elizabeth, Colo.; Willie Brock (6-3, 235) Beaverton, Ore. (Juco); Frank Patrick (6-2, 270) Houston, Tex. (Juco).

LINEBACKERS Tim Weaver (6-1, 210) Arvada, Colo.; Mike Tope (6-0, 205) San Antonio, Tex.; Wayne Mosby (6-2, 200) Steelton, Pa. (Juco); Brian Cabral (6-1, 200) Honolulu, Haw.; Dennis Maloney (6-2, 217) San Mateo, Calif.

QUARTERBACKS Ray Pousson (6-1, 195) Orange, Tex.; Dennis Olds (6-4, 210) Topeka, Kan.

BACKS Gary Washington (6-3, 210) Denver, Colo.; Denny Fleming (6-0, 197) Trenton, Oh.; Jeff Jurgens (6-2, 165) North Platte, Neb.; Randy Westendorf (6-3, 200) Kent, Wash.; Jim Tesone (6-0, 180) Englewood, Colo.; Mike McCoy (6-1, 180) West Memphis, Ark. (Juco); Tom McKenzie (6-1, 190) West Covina, Calif. (Juco, midyear).

KANSAS

ENDS Tom Andalikiewicz (6-3, 215) Kansas City, Kan.; Jeff Doherty (6-4, 195) Wichita, Kan.; Jim German (6-3, 205) St. Louis, Mo.

LINEMEN Mike Beal (6-5, 220) Kansas City, Mo.; Forrest Bradley (6-5, 220) Oklahoma City, Okla.; James Emerson (6-3, 260) Great Bend, Kan.; Louis Iwert (6-5, 245) Morrowville, Kan.; Jim Lob (6-3, 210) Overland Park, Kan.; Lindsey Mason (6-6, 220) Baltimore, Md.; Harry Murphy (6-4, 210) Overland Park, Kan.; Tom O'Doherty (6-2, 220) Omaha, Neb.; Frank Osborn (6-5, 250) Elk Falls, Kan.; Richard Summers (6-4, 250) Pompton Plains, N.J.

LINEBACKERS Mark Boyer (5-11, 215) Shawnee, Kan.; Jim Young (6-5, 205) Joplin, Mo.

QUARTERBACKS Melvin Barrens (6-1, 170) Tulsa, Okla.; Mike Loyd (6-4, 200) Joplin, Mo.

BACKS Norris Banks (6-3, 195) Houston, Tex.; Percy Battles (5-11, 180) Wichita, Kan.; Clayton Bonny (6-2, 195) Steamboat Springs, Colo.; Bill Campfield (6-1, 190) Derby, Kan.; Tom Dinkel (6-3, 220) Topeka, Kan.; Skip Johnson (6-1, 205) Overland Park, Kan.; Butch Mascarello (5-11, 210) Omaha, Neb.; Caleb Rowe (5-11, 175) Leavenworth, Kan.; Darrell Talley (6-2, 225) Fort Worth, Tex.; Mike Wellman (6-3, 235) Lawrence, Kan.

OKLAHOMA STATE

ENDS Gerald Bain (6-2, 175) Hollywood, Fla.; Jerry Cramer (6-2, 170) Lubbock, Tex.; Randy Hodges (6-3, 230) Buffalo, Okla.; Robert James (6-4, 225) Colorado Springs, Colo.; Willie Lester (6-3, 185) Naples, Fla.; Jonathan Sutton (6-3, 175) Pawhuska, Okla.; Ben Young (6-2, 190) Ponca City, Okla.

LINEMEN Bob Counseller (6-4, 240) Canyon, Tex.; Chris Dawson (6-3, 240) Shawnee, Okla.; Randy Ezell (6-4, 280) Mexico, Mo.; J.D. Norton (6-2, 215) Davenport, Okla.; Craig Simmons (6-4, 250) Dallas, Tex.; Karl Snyder (6-5, 230) Del Ray Beach, Fla.

LINEBACKERS Daria Butler (6-3, 190) Metairie, La.; Rich Hallacker (6-3, 220) Philadelphia, Pa.; David Johnson (6-5, 200) Perryton, Tex.

QUARTERBACKS Scott Burk (6-2, 180) Denver, Colo.; Kenny Pirozzo (6-0, 193) Dallas, Tex.

BACKS Wes Hankins (5-10, 170) Bristow, Okla.; Willie Hicks (5-11,195) Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Terry Miller 16-0,180) Colorado Springs, Colo.; Jack Myers (6-3, 190) Downs, Kan.! Thad Palmer (6-1,210) El Reno, Okla.; Skip Taylor (5-11, 177) Cincinnatx, Oh.; Kenny Walker (6-3, 195) Chandler, Ariz. (Juco); Jim Clover (6-1, 170) Dayton, Oh.; Bob Lundstrom (6-2, 184) Villa Park, Calif.; Darnell Meyers (6-2, 170) Texas City, Tex. (Juco);

Kansas Must Utilize Their All-American Receivers

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"I realize it may take some time, but I know he's got the ability. He's just got to get some game experience and be able to react under pressure."

Three other quarterbacks, all with little or no experience, showed enough in the spring that Fambrough calls it "still a dogfight" for the job. Tom Krattli is the best passer of the three. Jud Mitchell (son of the former Oklahoma quarterback and KU coach) the best runner and Steve Weatherford the best combination.

Fambrough pointed out the Jayhawks wouldn't be in the same fix they would have been last year with a quarterback injury. "Our whole offense then was based on our ability to throw the football," he said.

The Jayhawks will continue to throw it because Jaynes' awesome stable of receivers returns. It's made up of Emmett Edwards (4.5 speed), the league's No. 1 man with 49 catches; nifty Bruce Adams (4.7), with 26 receptions and 8 touchdowns despite being bugged by a hand injury; and tight ends Ken Saathoff and Gregg Hosack.

"We've gotta utilize people like that," said Fambrough. "I don't think any football team in the country has any two better than Edwards and Adams."

The running back picture isn't as rosy. The only returning regular is senior fullback Robert Miller (5-11, 202, 4.7), who had his biggest collegiate game (104 yards in 15 carries) against North Carolina State in the bowl loss.

"He's one of the most underrated backs we've ever had," said Fambrough. "I think only a coach can appreciate what he does. He doesn't excel in just one department, but does everything well—blocking, catching the football and he can get tough yardage for you."

The candidate to replace Delvin Williams as the bigplay back is sophomore Laverne Smith (6-0, 192, 4.4), who carried but 22 times last season. "We're really depending on him," said Fambrough. "He's the fastest player on the squad, the one who can go all the way. He's still young, but I feel the potential is there for him to be an outstanding back."

Another sophomore, Cal Prince (5-10, 196, 4.6) also looked like a comer in the spring. But Fambrough headed toward his fourth season as head coach still wondering about a fourth back. Randy Ross has some experience, but hasn't proved he isn't a fumbler. And Clif Doran, another possibility, was hurt most of the spring.

Up front, Fambrough, too, must keep his fingers crossed hoping to avoid injuries.

Tackle Dave Scott (6-5, 285) is impressive physically and Fambrough believes he'll be more effective as a straight ahead blocker than he was a pass blocker. Ace Boydston looms as the other tackle. Veterans Gordon Stockemer and Mike Englebrake are the guards and John Morgan, a starter at guard last year, has smoothly made the transition to center.

Fambrough, fully aware of how the kicking game both helped and hurt last season, probably will suit up three specialists—even on the road. Bob Swift will handle kickoffs and Mike Love field goals and extra points. They competed for the punting job in the spring, but Fambrough still had a scholarship left from the 30 allotment that he hoped to award to a punter.

Adams also is a key dude when the specialty teams are on the field—serving as a holder and punt returner.

Fambrough believes the Jayhawks recruited well, but isn't ready to speculate on possible candidates to be the Nolan Cromwell of 1974. "Certainly I feel we'll get some depth from our freshmen," he said. "I feel we recruited that type of athlete. I feel by the middle of the season we'll have a number of freshmen playing at the varsity level. But it's hard to talk about them."

But it's not hard for Fambrough to talk about his football team. In his mind, it belongs with the Big Eight's upper crust.

BRUCE ADAMS(25) takes the hand-off from Delvin Williams on the end-around play

Lavurne Smith
(6-0, 192 So)
Randy Ross
(6-2, 186 Sr)

BOB MILLER
(5-11, 202 Sr)
Calvin Prince
(5-10, 196 So)

Scott McMichael
(6-3, 187 Jr)
Jud Mitchell
(6-4, 202 So)
Tom Krattli
(6-0, 179 So)

BRUCE ADAMS
(6-1, 178 Sr)
Paul Bower
(5-11, 165 Jr)
Todd Morgan
(5-10, 172 So)

JOHN MORGAN
(6-1, 235 Jr)

KEN SAATHOFF
(6-3, 205 Sr)
GREGG HOSACK
(6-4, 214 Jr)

Ace Boydston
(6-3, 225 Jr)
Morris Pippin
(6-3, 238 So)

Mike Englebrake
(6-0, 216 Sr)
Larry Fritz
(6-3, 226 So)

Greg Beggs
(6-1, 212 Sr)
Wint Winter
(6-1, 197 Sr)

GORDON STOCKEMER
(684, 240 Sr)
David Hentges
(6-4, 225 So)

DAVID SCOTT
(6-4, 282 Jr)
Scott Thompson
(6-6, 240 So)

EMMETT EDW'ARDS
(6-2, 190 Sr)
Tom Tucker
(6-1, 185 So)

DEAN ZOOK
(6-2, 203 Sr)
Rick Kovatch
(6-2, 225 Jr)

Paul VanSaun
(6-3, 243 Jr)
Doug Barrington
(6-4, 240 So)
Fedro Dillon
(6-3, 249 Jr)

MIKE LEMON
(6-3, 213 Sr)
John Scanlan
(6-2, 208 Jr)

TERRY BEESON
(6-3, 238 So)
Mike Butler
(6-6, 225 So)

Jeff Turner
(6-4, 235 Sr)
Les Barnes
(6-2, 210 So)

DEAN BAIRD
(6-1, 228 Sr)
Don Pile
(6-3, 211 So)

STEVE TOWLE
(6-3, 234 Sr)
ODELL WEIDNER
(5-11, 210 Sr)

Steve Taylor
(6-4, 207 Jr)
Tom Fitch
(6-1, 202 So)

NOLAN CROMWELL
(6-2, 190 So)
Bob Spear
(5-11, 177 Sr)

KURT KNOFF
(6-3, 198 Jr)
Rick Mudge
(6-2, 191 Sr)

Eddie Lewis
(6-0, 170 Jr)
Steve Rus
(6-3, 201 Jr)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

Sophs To Watch

A "too-big" quarterback and a mercurial running back to lift offensive sag created by David Jaynes' departure.

By CHUCK WOODLING *Lawrence Journal-World*

ALONG THE HIGHWAY college football has, in the past, been thrown a veritable city dump full of players who have had to follow so-called superstars.

So great has been the mental strain on those taking the place of All-Americans, high draft choices, etc. that many have wilted in the face of it.

A situation of that potential exists at Kansas this fall where an inexperienced sophomore named Scott McMichael faces the prospect of succeeding the nearly-legendary Dave Jaynes at quarterback.

Can McMichael, who has never played a down of varsity football (he was red-shirted last fall), do the job?

No one knows, of course, but there is, at least, every indication the 6-3, 187-pounder from Shawnee Mission West in surburban Kansas City can be a competent signal caller.

More important, McMichael is aware of the burden he faces.

"Sure there's pressure," McMichael stresses, "but there'll always be pressure. You just have to try not to think about it and do the job."

In one respect, McMichael does not have to emulate Jaynes. No one expects him to display Jaynes' deft passing touch. And that's because Kansas has switched from the proset offense to the Veer-T.

Kansas offensive coordinator Bobby Baldwin, for one, thinks McMichael is as good at running the Veer-T as Jaynes was at spotting and hitting receivers.

"Scott's sense of timing is as good as anybody I've ever been around," says Baldwin who coached for nine years at Houston, home of the Veer-T.

"I've never seen a quarterback adapt to the Veer as quickly as he has," Baldwin continued. "He has a great feel for the option. I really thought it would take him longer to learn it."

Strangely enough, McMichael is almost too big to play quarterback in the Veer. Normally you find someone 5-10 or 5-11 operating the intricate formation.

McMichael, on the other hand, is unusual for a "big man" in that he has quick hands, quick feet and quick reactions.

Another Kansas sophomore, in fact, is built more like a Veer QB. But Laverne Smith, the quickest and fastest player on the squad, is more valuable as a running back.

Smith, at 5-11, 195, boasts 4.4 speed in the 40 and, more important to Baldwin, has jet-like explosion off the ball.

"Speed, pure speed," smiles Baldwin. "I guess I'd have to go back to Warren McVea to compare Laverne to someone who can go through a hole so quickly."

While Smith and McMichael are the key second-year men on offense, as many as four sophomores could start on the Kansas defensive unit this fall.

One of them, free safety Nolan Cromwell, is a cinch. The 6-2, 195-pounder from Ransom, a small town in the western part of the state, was forced to become a starter late last season and performed beyond all expectations.

"Very few people could have played as well as he did as a freshman," noted secondary coach Jim Dickey. "He's a good athlete and an intelligent athlete."

Rapid development of linebacker Don Pile has lessened considerably worries about a knee injury suffered by veteran Dean Baird in the Liberty Bowl.

With Baird, who started every game last year, out of spring drills, Pile came on strong to complement potential All-American Steve Towle.

Frankly, there isn't much difference between Towle and Pile. They're both about the same size and, from a distance, linebacker coach Ken Blue admits he can hardly tell them apart.

"Pile will be a great one," says Blue of the 6-3, 220-pounder from Garden City, Kansas. "I'd like to have five just like him."

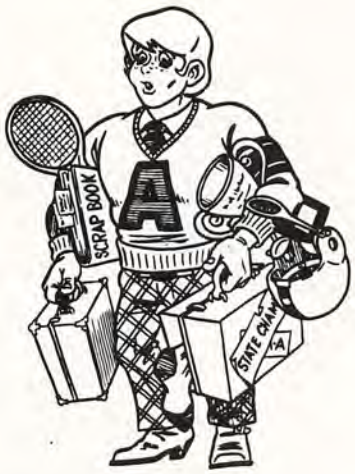
Another Liberty Bowl knee injury—this one to defensive tackle Fedro Dillon—casts doubts on that position. But the work of sophs Terry Beeson and Mike Butler in the spring was soothing.

At 6-6, 255 pounds and with 4.9 speed, Butler fairly breathes potential. As a freshman, he was a slight disappointment. But the youngster from the Nation's Capitol came on strong in the spring.

"He just wasn't ready last year," explained line coach George Bernhardt, "but I think the competition has helped."

Part of that comes from Beeson who at 6-3, 238 isn't as big, but is probably more aggressive. An off-season operation on calcium deposits in one of Beeson's shins should make the Coffeyville, Kansas, product all that much better.

LAVERNE SMITH. . . "You have to go back to Warren McVea for such pure speed."



"Freshman Harvest"

Kansas recruiters branch out into other Big Eight areas, and sign three Missouri all-staters, and a tailor-made Veer-T quarterback from Oklahoma.

By CHUCK WOODLING *Lawrence Journal-World*

FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, while the Big Eight has grown into THE toughest football conference in the nation, there has been a myth going around.

It is just this: That Big Eight schools have gone out of their geographic bailiwicks to secure the talent which put them on top.

Don't you believe it. The theory just doesn't hold true.

Kansas, for example, was the surprise team in the league last year in climbing from a seventh place finish in '72 into a tie for second in '73.

To get there, the Jayhawks relied on a strong core of Kansas and Kansas City area athletes. Those areas are, of course, the lifeline of KU football.

And, again in 1974, Kansas hit those areas hard. But, in a switch from past years, the Jayhawks branched out more into regions occupied by fellow league members.

Freshmen recruits will come to Lawrence this fall from every state containing a Big Eight school except Iowa.

In their nomadic search for talent, the Jayhawks put their strongest hooks into neighboring Missouri. Three Missouri prep all-staters will be in the KU camp.

Two are from Joplin, just a stone's throw from the border. One, linebacker Jim Young, a 6-5, 205-pounder from Parkwood High, has a reputation as an extremely hard hitter.

The other is Mike Loyd, a rangy 6-4, 200-pound quarterback from Young's crosstown rival, Memorial. Loyd, who can both run and pass, was heavily recruited after accounting for almost 3,000 yards total offense in a three-year career.

Third Missourian is Mike Beal, a rugged 6-5, 220 pound lineman who was called the best player in Kansas City's Interscholastic League. He's from Van Horn High.

Kansas junior varsity coach Dick Foster, who recruited the Joplin twosome, might not ever get to coach them, however.

"I'd say they have a good chance of making the varsity," says Foster. "At least they'll be given every opportunity."

A couple of other recruits fall into the same category.

Two speed running backs from Wichita, in fact, will be given a long look-see. Bill Campfield of Derby (a Wichita suburb) and Percy Battles from Wichita Southeast are both in the 4.6 speed area for the 40.

"Campfield has a chance at either running back or wide receiver," Foster says. "He's extremely quick with a lot of moves."

Same might be said for Melvin Barrens, a 6-1, 170-pound quarterback from Washington High in Tulsa. One Tulsa newspaper tabbed him that city's player of the year.

His quickness could move him right into the forefront because of KU's change to the Veer-T offense in 1974.

No back is worth a hoot, however, unless somebody is blocking for him and Kansas feels it has quality and quantity in that respect.

"I'd say we have better overall linemen than we've gotten in the past," Foster stresses. "Our smallest kid was 6-2, 220."

Frank Osborn, a 6-5, 245-pound all-stater from tiny Elk Falls, Kansas, was high on everyone's shopping list. Prep All-American James Emerson (6-3, 260) of Great Bend, Kansas, wasn't lacking for offers, either.

Kansas went to the Eastern Seaboard for a couple of others—Linsey Mason (6-6, 220) from Baltimore and Richard Summers (6-4, 250) from Pompton Plains, New Jersey.

In stepping out of the immediate area, Kansas also went to Texas for a couple of impressive running backs—Norris Banks (6-3, 195) of Houston and Darrell Talley (6-2, 225) of Fort Worth.

Somewhere on the list there is sure to be a "sleeper," an athlete who wasn't highly publicized but who has what it takes.

One on the KU scene might be Mike Wellman, a 6-3, 235-pound fullback from right on the Jayhawk's doorstep. Weilman missed four games at Lawrence High because of an injury, played on a losing team and missed out on post-season recognition.

Kansas and Nebraska, nevertheless, waged a hot battle for his services and Kansas won.

The five Shawnee Mission schools in suburban Kansas City have long been regarded as fertile ground. Kansas dipped in its plowshare and came up with four signees from there.

Two, running back Skip Johnson and lineman Jim Lob, played for Shawnee Mission South—the large school state football champion. The other two are Harry Murphy, a lineman from Mission East and Mark Boyer, a linebacker from Mission Northwest.

Kansas didn't go for very many ends this year, but one they picked up was a consensus all-stater—Tom Andalikiewicz of Kansas City Bishop Ward High.

No, the pen didn't run out of ink when Andalikiewicz signed a letter of intent.

Another consensus all-stater in the hold is Tom Dinkel a 6-3, 220-pound running back from Topeka. Dinkel is just one more freshman who will be given a chance to make the varsity backfield.

For complete roster, see page 106.

TINKER WHO?

In a league which boasts some of the finest receivers in college football, Emmett Edwards emerged as the Big Eight's Best in 1973.

By **BOB HENTZEN** *Topeka Capital-Journal*

EMMETT EDWARDS (46) GATHERS IN

EVERYBODY KNEW EMMETT EDWARDS had speed. But how were his hands? How precise were his patterns? Could he make the big play?

It's not that anybody was really asking those questions a year ago, or cared that much about the answers.

The important thing was that opponents had to respect his speed. That was enough to get the defense off Bruce Adams' back.

Adams was Kansas' glamour receiver heading into the 1973 campaign. He'd proved as a sophomore that he could do it all—39 receptions , 704 yards, 8 touchdowns.

"He'll do it again, only bigger, because the defense has got to recognize Emmett Edwards' speed," Kansas U fans were thinking, if not saying.

But Adams, injury plagued, didn't do it bigger. Or as well.

So it was that Emmett Edwards III, Tulsa born and Tulsa and Kansas City raised, finished his junior season as Kansas' all-time leading pass catcher. The 6-1, 187-pounder vaulted over all those people ahead of him by latching on to 49 balls for 802 yards in 1973.

Deservedly, as the Big Eight's leading receiver, he was an all-Big Eight selection.

"He's a rare individual who has the speed AND the moves AND the great hands," says Coach Don Fambrough. "I know I've coached others who had sprinter's speed (Emmett has done a 9.5 100), but who didn't have the others. And he has a fourth thing—intelligence. He reads defense, determines coverage and anticipates what's going to happen."

"A receiver has got to be just like a quarterback. He's got to recognize man coverage and zone coverage, then react to it. This comes from a lot of study, work off the field studying film."

Yes, Edwards is a movie watcher.

"We watch a lot of films together," he said one day late last spring while on a break from teaching social studies at Roosevelt Junior High in Topeka. "But every Thursday and Friday, about one o'clock, I'd go get a projector and some film and sit by myself and look at the defensive backs we were gonna play against.

"First of all I check him out to see how fast he is. If he's not as fast as I am, he's at a disadvantage already. Next thing I look at is how does he stand? And then what it's gonna take for me to beat him? And then is he a physical back ? I like to watch at least three or four games to prepare myself mentally as well as physically."

Edwards knew he was starting 1973 in Adams' shadow. Sure, he was for Bruce having another big year.

"But I had mixed emotions," he said. "I wanted to try to get out and make a name for myself, catch some passes and help the team win. But I knew it was going to be hard because everybody had an eye on Bruce, so to speak."

"I had to put it in the back of my mind and just go out and constantly improve and keep myself together, so people would notice me also."

Edwards, married out of high school (and now with a son, Emmett Edwards IV), you see, came to KU with two goals— "get an education and play some pro ball."

Although he didn't realize it at the time, a redshirt year helped him move toward both. He won't be swamped with studies during his final season, lacking only one three-hour sociology course as a requirement to graduate. And the extra year helped him develop as the type of receiver coveted by the pros.

At Kansas City Central High School, he was a wingback. "We used mostly a

a critical 3rd down pass over the outstretched arms of Rod Perry of Colorado

running game," he related. "I caught a few passes, but the coach was big on the running game."

He also was a sprinter on the track team and the times he recorded there were what brought on the recruiters around. In fact, he's still a burner—missing most of spring drills, while anchoring KU's potent 440 team on the relays' circuit.

"Kansas State, KU, Missouri and a bunch of small colleges offered me scholarships," he recalled. "And I could have gone a lot of places on a track scholarship. But mainly I wanted to play Big Eight football."

Edwards didn't feel he was disadvantaged by being a receiver on a high school team that ran. That's because of the variety of youth sports programs, including football, available in Tulsa where he lived until he was 13. "I'd played more football at 13 than anyone else in Kansas City," he said. "The groundwork was there."

But when his sophomore year at KU rolled around, Fambrough, who doesn't redshirt many, decided on that role for Edwards. "We never redshirt anyone who eventually we don't think will be a first-string football player," the coach said. "He would have played some, but we didn't want to waste a year."

"It was a shock to me," Edwards admitted. "I was unaware of it during two-a-days. I had worked out hard all summer and thought I was ready to play. But we were gonna run the wing-T that year and we had a lot of receivers. I was probably the youngest one and he (Fambrough) thought it would be best if I sat out because we weren't gonna throw that much anyway."

"I wanted to play. I thought about it all summer. But after really thinking about it—coach Fambrough sat down and we talked about it—I saw the advantages. There were some disadvantages, but the advantages outweighed the disadvantages. The extra year kind of gave me a chance to come of age, you know, mature and get some experience and also continue on in my education."

In 1972, when Edwards time to play did come, he broke in with a five-catch, 90-yard day against Washington State. But he also broke a wrist.

"That kept me out about three weeks and the first game I played after that, a linebacker went down on my ankle and I played with a bad ankle the rest of the year," he said. "I wasn't at top speed, able to cut loose."

He did finish with 26 catches for 464 yards, but the Big Eight football world was talking Adams when it was talking about Jayhawk receivers.

So, after three years at KU, Edwards didn't have the finest of credentials. "I knew if I wanted to ever play pro ball, I had to come out and have a great impact my junior year," he said. "I worked real hard during the summer. I made up my mind I was gonna come out and do it. I worked with David (Jaynes) a lot, lifted weights, played a lot of paddleball—anything to keep in shape."

It all paid off in 1973's bowl year, but now Edwards is faced with potential bad news. Jaynes is gone and the Jayhawks spent the spring installing the Houston veer-T in place of the pass-happy, pro offense of the past two seasons.

"We put in the veer, have two new coaches on offense (Ted Plumb, the receiver coach Edwards credits for his development has gone to the New York Giants) and a new quarterback," he said. "We just hope everybody can come in and blend together. Our goal is still to be one of the best teams in the Big Eight, go to a bowl and win it this year. We feel we can do this."

"Coach Fambrough has brought in an offense he feels is best for our team and everybody has confidence in it. The veer is known as a running game, but it opens up great lanes for the passing game and I really like it."

"The big question, though, is that we're going to have a young quarterback. He's going to need some experience, so the seniors are going to have to stand up and be great leaders to the youngsters coming up."

Edwards is aware he's going to have to block more in the veer. "If I had a weak point in my game, it's maybe that I didn't block enough," he said. "But with a passing game I was just concentrating more on catching passes and beating my man. In the veer I still will have to go downfield and sort of shield the defensive back off the play. I feel that's something I can do if I just work at it."

"I'm not worried about catching as many passes as I did last year. I just want to catch as many as it takes to help us win. Records don't mean a lot to me. If I'm not the No. 1 receiver, if we've won some games, I've done my share."

KANSAS ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Adams, Bruce	F1	6-1	178	Sr	Westwood, Ks
Baird, Dean	LB	6-1	228	Sr	Hoisington, Ks
Barnes, Leslie	DE	6-2	210	So	Port Lavaca, Tx
Barrington, Doug	DT	6-4	240	So	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Beeson, Terry	DT	6-3	238	So	Coffeyville, Ks
Begay, Les	LB	6-2	215	Jr	Arkansas City, Ks
Beggs, Greg	C	6-1	212	Sr	Prairie Villg, Ks
Birmingham, Sean	FB	5-11	193	So	Kansas City, Mo
Blair, Jeff	TE	6-1	198	So	E. Lansing, Mich
Boydston, Ace	OT	6-3	225	Jr	Riverside, Ill
Bower, Paul	F1	5-11	165	Jr	Shawnee, Ks
Butler, Mike	DT	6-6	225	So	Washington, D.C.
Burrows, Dan	OG	6-2	226	Jr	Center, Tx
Clemente, Mike	NG	6-2	215	Sr	Arkansas City,Ks
Craven, Marc	DT	6-2	220	So	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Cromwell, Nolan	FS	6-2	190	So	Ransom, Ks
Daniel, Jim	LB	5-11	215	So	Okla. City, Ok
Darmon, Ron	CB	6-0	193	So	Wichita, Ks
DeSocio, John	DT	6-2	235	So	Wichita, Ks
DeMario, Jim	C	6-3	212	So	Kansas City, Mo
Dillon, Fedro	DT	6-3	240	Sr	New Orleans, La
Doran, Cliff	TB	6-1	204	So	N. Kan. City, Mo
Dorian, Mark	F1	6-1	160	So	Wichita, Ks
Edwards, Emmett	F1	6-2	190	Sr	Kansas City, Mo
Elliott, Steve	FB	6-3	207	Jr	Kansas City, Mo
Englebrake, Mike	OG	6-0	216	Sr	Lee's Summit, Mo
Fander, Jim	F1	6-0	160	So	Russell, Ks
Fitch, Tom	CB	6-1	202	So	Topeka, Ks
Fritz, Larry	OG	6-3	226	So	Shawnee, Ks
Gale, Robin	F1	5-7	164	Sr	Syracuse, Ks
Gilmore, Jerry	TE	6-3	216	So	Arkansas City,Ks
Glanton, Derrick	DE	6-8	227	Jr	E. St. Louis, Ill
Golub, Chris	FS	6-3	203	So	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Griffin, Bill	OT	6-3	228	So	Kansas City, Mo
Hammond, Roger	NG	6-2	228	So	Lee's Summit, Mo
Hanson, Terry	CB	6-0	188	Jr	El Dorado, Ks
Henry, Bob	OG	6-4	216	So	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Hentgee, Dave	OG	6-4	225	So	St. Joseph, Mo
Hosack, Greg	TE	6-4	214	Jr	Kansas City, Mo
Howerton, Dave	OT	6-4	247	So	Carthage, Mo
Jones, Steve	LB	6-2	228	So	Englewood, NJ
off, Kurt	FS	6-3	198	Jr	E. Grand Forks,Mn
Kovatch, Rick	DE	6-2	225	Jr	Cleveland Hts, Oh
Krattli, Tom	QB	6-0	179	So	Leavenworth, Ks
Learned, John	F1	6-2	179	Jr	Oklahoma City, Ok
Lamon, Mike	NG	6-3	213	Sr	Sioux City, Ia
Lewis, EJ	CB	6-0	170	Jr	Mobile, Ala
Love, Mike	K	6-0	180	So	Hutchinson, Ks
Manning, Jim	F1	5-10	175	So	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Margheim, Paul	DE	6-7	226	So	Bend, Ks
McCamy, Scott	TB	6-0	205	So	St. Joseph, Mo
McCaskill, R.	FB	5-9	199	Jr	Valdosta, Ga
McMichael, Scott	QB	6-3	187	Jr	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Michael, Jim	CB	6-4	200	So	W. Caldwell, NJ
Mills, Dan	DT	6-3	245	So	Junction City, Ks
Miller, Robert	FB	5-11	202	Sr	Houston, Tx
Mitchell, Jud	QB	6-4	202	So	Wellington, Ks
Morgan, John	C	6-1	235	Jr	Wauwatosa, Wis
Morgan, Todd	QB	5-10	172	So	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Moulder, Norm	DT	6-4	220	So	Blue Springs, Mo
Mudge, Rick	SS	6-2	191	Sr	Topeka, Ks
Norris, Bob	OT	6-1	237	Sr	Junction City, Ks
Nowak, Bob	LB	6-2	201	Jr	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Peterson, Gordon	SS	6-2	175	Jr	Wichita, Ks
Pile, Don	LB	6-3	211	So	Garden City, Ks
Pipkins, Dennis	FB	6-1	218	So	Wichita, Ks
Pippin, Morris	OT	6-3	238	So	Independence, Mo
Prince, Calvin	TB	5-10	196	So	Americus, Ga
Randall, Jay	FB	6-1	202	So	St. Joseph, Mo
Ray, Dick	OT	6-7	225	So	Chanute, Ks.
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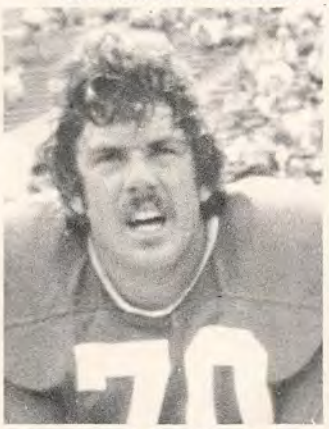
Reust, Andy	SS	5-9	171	So	N. Kan. City, Mo
Robinson, Randy	SS	6-2	198	Jr	Kansas City, Mo
Riggins, Bill	FB	5-11	194	Sr	Centralia, Ks
Rome, Mike	QB	6-0	171	Jr	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Ross, Randy	TB	6-2	186	Sr	Omaha, Neb
Rus, Steve	SS	6-3	201	Jr	Riverside, Ill
Saathoff, Ken	TE	6-3	205	Sr	Marysville, Ks
Scanlan, John	NG	6-2	208	Jr	Lawrence, Ks
Schmitz, Leonard	OG	6-4	217	Jr	Salina, Ks
Scott, Dave	OT	6-4	282	Jr	Patterson, NJ
Shank, Al	OG	6-1	211	So	Liberaln Ks
Simpson, Mike	LB	6-3	215	So	Blue Springs, Mo
Sharp, Skip	CB	6-0	173	So	Kansas City, Ks
Sheline, Dave	OT	6-1	229	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Smith, Lavurne	TB	6-0	192	So	Wichita, Ks
Spear, Bob	FS	5-11	177	Sr	Arkansas City, Ks
Stockemer, Gordon	OG	6-4	240	Sr	Andale, Ks
Swift, Bob	K	6-2	196	Jr	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Taylor, Steve	CB	6-4	207	Jr	Ft. Worth, Tx
Thompson, Blake	OT	6-6	240	So	Leavenworth, Ks
Towle, Steve	LB	6-3	234	Sr	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Tucker, Tom	CB	6-1	185	So	Johnson, Ks
Turner, Jeff	DE	6-4	235	Sr	Pritchard, Ala
Saun, Paul Van	DE	6-3	243	Jr	Hawthorne, NJ
Sickle, Herschell	OG	6-3	214	So	Port Lavaca, Tx
Weatherford, S.	QB	6-1	203	So	Liberal, Ks
Weidner, Odell	LB	5-11	210	Sr	Topeka, Ks
Wellman, Ron	DE	6-2	206	So	Lawrence, Ks
Winter, Wint	C	6-1	197	Sr	Ottawa, Ks
Willoughby, Mark	F1	6-3	178	So	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Wright, Dennis	TB	6-2	208	So	Mound City, Mo
Zook, Dale	DE	6-2	180	So	Larned, Ks
Zook, Dean	DE	6-2	203	Sr	Larned, Ks

ROBERT MILLER
Dependable Veteran

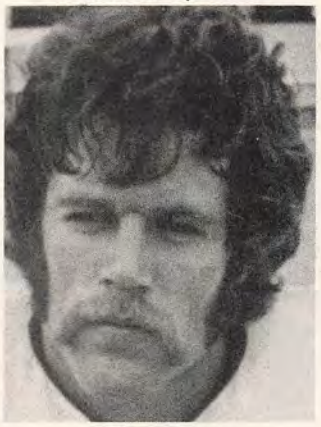
KURT KNOFF
Blue Ribbon Defender

STEVE TOWLE
Head-Hunter at Linebacker

CALVIN PRINCE
A Backfield Speedster



GORDON STOCKEMER
Crunching Guard



MIKE LEMON
Fiery Nose-Guard

EMMETT EDWARDS
Dangerous Split Receiver

LAVERNE SMITH
Blue Blur at Running Back

Jayhawk Sketches

SOMEWHERE THERE MUST BE A ZOOK who have never played defensive end. Not at Kansas. First there was John Zook, now with the Atlanta Falcons. Then younger brother Dean Zook emulated John and made All-Big Eight as a junior last year.

Now along comes Dale, the youngest Zook, who as a sophomore will back up Dean this fall. Both Dean and Dale stand 6-2, but Dean is 20 pounds heavier at 203 . . . . There's a decided Lone Star State tinge to the coaching staff. Head coach Don Fambrough, offensive coordinator Bobby Baldwin and defensive coordinator Jim Dickey are all native Texans . . .

Linebacker Dean Baird thinks the fact ne has such a common name is one reason he doesn't get much recognition. "But," he says, "I'm not planning to use my real first name." It's Elvin . . .

As a sophomore last year, Rick Kovatch played both linebacker and offensive guard. In the spring he was switched to defensive end. "I may be switched to quarterback this fall," smiled Rick, "so I'm going to work on my passing."

Nose guard Mike Lemon, who made headlines last season with his pet monkey, sold the animal during the spring. "I planned to travel a lot this summer," Mike explained, "and I couldn't take him with me."

Kenny Saathoff, the handsome tight end who sometimes sing the National Anthem before games, planned to spend his second straight summer doing supper glub club gigs. . .

Center Wint Winter's father, an attorney in Ottawa, Kansas is a member of the state legislature . . .

No one is safe from knee injuries around Kansas. Four players were cut down in the spring. Then, just before the start of final exams, academic counselor Bobby Skahan underwent knee surgery following a motorcycle accident . . .

For the first time since the NCAA approved an 11th game, Kansas is playing five games at home instead of six. The Washington State opener was moved from Lawrence to Spokane to coincide with Expo '74 . . .

Quarterbak Scott McMichael pronounces the shoulder he injured in preseason work last year as fit. "I took one pretty good shot on it in the spring," he said, "and it held up. It's all right. It's been tested."

Offensive linemen, who spent most of their time backpedaling last year in a pass-oriented offense, now move out all the time in the Veer-T. "It's a lot easier to come off the ball hard every time," says veteran guard Gordon Stockemer, "and it makes it harder for the defense to figure out what you're doing."

High on the uncertainties this fall is what kind of facial hair, if any, Bruce Adams will be sporting when he reports. During last season, the extrovertish wide receiver was clean-shaven, sported a Fu Manchu, clipped it to a brush mustache and wore a beard. So far he hasn't shaved his head . . .

Dave Scott, the massive 6-4, 284-pound tackle, is called "The Breather" by his teammates. "If you've ever been in the huddle with him," cracked center John Morgan, "you'd know why we call him that."

Morgan, incidentally, is playing center after spending his sophomore season at guard. He adapted quickly which was hardly surprising since he was a pivot all through high school and as a college freshman . . .

Safety Nolan Cromwell refutes the notion that athletes from small high schools can't play big-time college football. Cromwell, who started at free safety as a freshman, comes from Ransom, Kansas, a town of about 400. There were only 20 students in his senior class . . .

We're Going to be so Much Better Than Last Year, You Won't Believe It.

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highly-touted junior-college transfer from California who is ticketed to replace Hunt.

Mitch Omer, up from the freshman team, played the nose position in spring ball and is being counted upon for a lot of duty - either in the middle if Potter doesn't fill the bill, or as a backup tackle. Another tackle, 245-pound senior Bob Herman, made himself conspicuous during the spring and will add some needed depth.

"Tackles and linebackers—those are our problems in a nutshell," says defensive coordinator Marv Braden. "Some of the young players started to come along in the spring, but not as fast as we would like."

One area where there are no doubts at all about the returning strength is in the kicking game. Iowa State may be the best in the Big Eight in that department.

First, there is Tom Goedjen coming back for his senior season. He was the conference's kick-scoring leader last year with 70 points—25 conversions without missing and a league record-tying 15 field goals.

Goedjen did that, incidentally, while nursing a sore knee on his kicking leg, the result of tearing some cartilage early last fall while fooling around in punting practice. Off- season surgery cured the injury and he should be kicking better than ever.

The Cyclone punter is Scott Bradley, also a senior, whose 40.9-yard average ranked second in the conference among those who punted more than six times.

"The kicking game will win some games for you every now and then," says Bruce, "and we're in great shape with Goedjen and Bradley."

An overall assessment of Iowa State's strengths and weaknesses leads one to the conclusion that this team may be in a little deep against the rough Big Eight opposition it must face. There is far too much uncertainty about the defense to foresee anything but a finish somewhere in the middle of the pack—at best.

The schedule doesn't get off to an easy start, either, with a night game September 14 at Texas Tech, the team that won the Gator Bowl game last year.

It's difficult to be as optimistic about Cyclone chances for success now compared to a year ago when there were so many quality seniors returning. But maybe there are two ways of looking at that.

"We're going to be so much better than last year, you won't believe it," says Charlie Lyle, Iowa State's defensive secondary coach.

Really? Why?

"We inherited a senior team last year," he said, "and sometimes a veteran team with a new staff can lead to problems. So we didn't do as well as we had hoped."

"But I was with Coach Bruce at the University of Tampa before coming here, and I know how he operates. I guarantee you we'll be better than last year."

Those have to be pleasant— sounding words for Cyclones followers. Now if somebody will just guarantee to have the new stadium done on time, football excitement could be heading for a new peak in Ames. 8

BARRY HILL (44) spears the Sooners' Davis and comes up with the ball.

MIKE STRACHAN
(6-2, 199 Sr)
Mike Tyson
(5-11, 190 So)

Phil Danowsky
(6-0, 201 Sr)
Ed Morton
(6-0, 190 Jr)

BUDDY HARDEMAN
(6-0, 181 So)
WAYNE STANLEY
(6-0, 175 Jr)

Jerry Moses
(6-2, 189 Sr)
Greg Grove
(6-0, 181 Jr)
Jim Wingender
(6-0, 195 Jr)

Don Greenwood
(6-3, 208 Sr)
Al Dixon
(6-5, 216 So)

Karl Schueneman
(6-8, 254 So)
Greg Miller
(6-3, 230 So)

Dave Greenwood
(6-5, 235 So)
Jeff Jones
(6-2, 224 Jr)

John Fritsch
(6-1, 204 Jr)
Jeff Jones
(6"2, 224 Jr)

BOB BOS
(6-6, 247 Jr)
Rob Stoffel
(6-2, 218 So)

Randy Young
(6-6, 249 Jr)
Arlen Ciechanowski
(6-4, 246 Sr)

Rob Overton
(6-2, 193 Sr)
Forry Smith
(6-3, 195 Jr)

Ray King
(6-4, 220 Jr)
Doug Wilke
(6-3, 212 Sr)
Maynard Stensrud
(6-3, 220 So)

RON McFARLAND
(6-2, 240 So)
Gerry Petsch
(6-3, 235 So)

Mitch Omer
(6-4, 225 So)
Lenzy Berine
(6-2, 220 So)
Jimmy Potter
(6-3, 225 Jr)

RICK HOWE
6-2, 232 Sr)
Bob Herman
6-3, 245 Sr)

ANDRE ROUNDTREE
(6-4, 220 Sr)
Craig Volkens
(6-3, 193 So)

Ron Vorwald
(6-2, 215 Jr)
Lagrant Anthony
(682, 185 So)
SHERMAN MILLER
(6-3, 230 Sr)

Gerry Forge
(6-0, 200 Sr)
Mike Gnade
(6-2, 185 Jr)

Ramsey Jay
(5-9, 173 Sr)
Steve Wilson
(6-0, 189 So)

Dan Becker
(6-4, 185 Jr)
Sy Bassett
(6-0, 190 Sr)

BARRY HILL
(6-2, 184 Sr)
Robby Bolks
(6-1. 190 Sr)

Jerry Jaksich
(6"1, 195 So)
Tony Hawkins
1680, 175 So)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

Sophs To Watch

They're just a batch of new names to Iowa State fans now, but the newcomers are extremely important to the Cyclones' immediate future.

By BUCK TURNBULL *Des Moines Register*

PROGRAM SALES SHOULD BE GOOD at Iowa State's first few home football games this fall.

The Cyclones have so many new players that it will take the fans a while to learn them all by the numbers.

It's no secret where help is needed the most—in the defensive lines and at linebacker. Names like Mitch Omer, Lenzy Perine, Jimmy Potter, Gary Petsch, Ron Vorwald and Mike Gnade might not mean much to Cyclone followers right now, but they're extremely important to the team's immediate future.

The graduation of Lawrence (Big Daddy) Hunt after an outstanding three''year career as a regular in the defensive front, first at tackle and then last season at middle guard leaves perhaps the biggest void on the entire squad.

In an ordinary year, based on spring practice, Omer would be touted as the heir-apparent. He is a very promising 6-foot 3-inch, 230-pound sophomore from Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, who took over at nose guard in spring drills. Perine was close behind. He's also a rookie, 6-2 and 215, from San Diego, California.

However, Potter could hold the key to just how strong the defense will be—and also to where Omer and Perine will play—but the trouble is, he's a junior-college transfer who has to be classed as an unknown quantity despite impressive credentials. He won't join the Cyclones until fall practice.

''Personally, and I admit I'm prejudiced because I recruited him, I think Potter is one of the finest football players in the country,'' says Mary Braden, Iowa State's defensive coordinator.

''He had a fine junior-college career in California and appears to be just what we need. But, we feel Omer is good enough to play somewhere right away, too, possibly at defensive tackle if Potter takes over at middle guard.''

Petsch is another freshman tackle with good size and potential. He's a 6-3, 235-pounder from Detroit, Michigan.

The linebacking corps is thin—both in size and experience. Vorwald, Gnade, Lagrant Anthony and Mark Clarey are among the rookies bidding for jobs, but none came to the front in spring practice as a sure-fire starter.

''Ted Jornov was a big loss for us,'' pointed out Braden. ''He was a tough, physical linebacker and we don't seem to have anyone like him on this squad.''

Another large hole in the defense was left by the graduation of Matt Blair, an all-conference rover back and high draft choice of the Minnesota Vikings.

Here again, several players are vying for the position and nobody nailed it down in the spring. Dan Becker and Sy Bassett, a pair of upperclassmen who have played little previously, were the top candidates but they're going to be pressed by converted wide receiver Anthony Norman.

One trememdous plus for Norman is unusual speed. He's a track hurdler and when the football squad got together for 40-yard sprints in the spring, freshman Norman ripped off a 4.4—fastest of anyone on the team, including tailback-sprinter Mike Tyson.

''Norman was a defensive back and wide receiver in high school,'' said Head Coach Earle Bruce. ''He wants to play rover back and could be a good one when he learns the position.''

Two sophomores may be starters in the secondary. Jerry Jakisch, 6-1, 195, from Omaha, Nebraska, got in some playing time last fall at corner back, and Tony Hawkins, 6-0, 175, from Onondaga, New York, has a good chance to play either at a corner spot or strong safety.

Offensively, rookies are not nearly as prominent, and where there are vacancies, most of the replacements have backup experience.

One notable exception is at center. John Fritsch, 6-1, 215, a junior from Detroit, rates the edge although he played sparingly behind Chuck Blaskovich last season.

But the starter might be a burly redshirt sophomore from Cedar Rapids, 6-foot 4-inch, 215-pound Dave Greenwood' who was moved from the defensive line in spring drills. Greenwood's brother Don, is the No. 1 tight end.

''We have three redshirts on offense who must come through for us,'' said Bruce. ''Dave Greenwood is one, and Karl Schueneman at tackle and Glover Rogers at tight end are the others.''

Schueneman is a heavyweight wrestler from Waukegan, Illinois, and the biggest player on the Cyclone roster at 6-7 and 260 pounds. He wound up the spring as No. 1 right tackle.

At least one other new name on offense should be filed away for future reference. Al Dixon is a rangy tight end (6-5, 205) from East St. Louis, Illinois, who led Iowa State's freshman team in pass receiving last fall. It may not be too long before he breaks into the lineup.

So as you can see, with so much uncertainty at so many positions, the program hawkers should do a booming business.

WAYNE STANLEY turns the corner against one of the Selmons.

"Freshman Harvest"

Cyclones corral new beef brigade, plus some speedy sprinters

By BUCK TURNBULL *Des Moines Register*

ABOUT THE SAME TIME that the nation ran into a beef shortage last year, Iowa State was discovering the same problem in a football way.

The Cyclones were losing a lof of tonnage off their 1973 squad and faced a critical situation in the next several years unless the likes of Big Daddy Hunt, Dan Kneller and Henry Lewis could be replaced immediately.

So that was the first priority when Coach Earle Bruce sent his staff off to the recruiting wars last winter. Bring back some big linemen, he said, preferably a few who show the potential to move right up to the varsity.

The biggest catch, both in size and high school buildup was pulled in from the town of Lake Mills in northern Iowa. His name is Mike Stensrud, a 6-foot, 5-inch, 275-pound defensive tackle, whose all-state credentials made him one of the most heavily recruited athletes in Iowa.

"Mike is a top-notch prospect, the type we felt we had to have this year!" said Keith Kephart, Iowa State's recruiting coordinator.

"Our need is for interior people both in the offensive and defensive lines, and we feel he can come in and help us right away."

Stensrud's older brother, Maynard, also is among Iowa State's 30 signees and he's no small fry, either, at 6-3 and 220.

Maynard, a defensive end, is one of three junior-college transfers counted upon for more instant help. He played at North Iowa in Mason City the last two years.

The other two are Jimmy Fotter (6-3, 235), a middle guard who earned second-team all-America honors in the junior college ranks at Golden West in California, and Mel Dunklin (6-1, 185), a split end from Warren, Ohio, who transferred from Ellsworth of Iowa Falls.

"Potter is good enough that we think he could be Hunt's replacement at middle guard"' Bruce said, "but unfortunately, we're going to have to wait until fall practice to find out."

"We had hoped to have him for spring practice, but a technicality in Big Eight transfer rules forced him to attend Golden West one more quarter before transferring.

"It had nothing to do with his grades — they're fine— but involved consecutive quarters at a junior college. He laid out one quarter, and although he could have transferred almost anywhere else, he didn't satisfy Big Eight requirements."

Others in the beef brigade come from widely scattered points.

Kevin Cunningham (6-6, 233) is a highly touted middle guard from St. Leo High School in Chicago. Dave Cheesebrough (6-2, 223), an offensive tackle, and Jeff Hurchak (6-3, 235), an offensive guard, are both from Pennsylvania.

Anthony Brunson (6-6, 231) is a defensive end from Miami, Florida, and Tom Randall (6-6, 235) is a defensive tackle from Mason City, who won Iowa all-state plaudits in both football and basketball.

Those are a few of the big guys but far from the whole story in Iowa State's recruiting year.

The Cyclones didn't neglect snaring some fine backs to carry on their tradition of turning rugged running backs loose on the opposition' which began long before Mike Strachan with such fancy steppers as Dwight Nichols, Tom Watkins, Dave Hoppmann and Tom Vaughn.

Three of their new recruits all may fit the mold of those who have gone before. Two are hard-hitting fullbacks who both stand 6-3 and weight 235, Mike Larsen of Harlan, Iowa and Paul Daugherty of Charleston, West Virginia.

Then there is a tailback John Soloman, a 6-foot 185-pounder from Clyde, New York, whose press clippings may equal the other 29 recruits combined.

"Not since the late Ernie Davis went to Syracuse back in the 1950's has a New Yorker received as much notoriety as Soloman!" says Iowa State Assistant Jim Shreve, who once coached at Syracuse and is the man responsible for selling Soloman on heading to Big Eight country.

"Just for starters, John was all-conference four straight years. In his last two years he gained almost 3,000 yards and scored 49 touchdowns.

"He might not come from a big school, but you have to be impressed with those statistics, and every coach I talked to raved about him. A lot of schools were after him."

The same can be said for Larsen, a first-team allstater in Iowa, and Daugherty. Larsen lives in western Iowa and Nebraska was just one of the colleges Iowa State beat to gain his services.

Daugherty is coming to Iowa State mostly to join his friend and former prep teammate, fleet Cyclone tailback Mike Tyson. He's much bigger than Tyson and also is a track sprinter despite having the dimensions of a shot putter.

"We're told that he runs the 40 in 4.7 seconds," explained Kephart, "and to give you an idea of his speed in track, he ran a 220 leg on his high school sprint medley relay team."

The top quarterback signee appears to be Bill Saban (6-1, 195) of La Grange High School in the Chicago area. He has a well-known football name. His uncle, Lou Saban, is head coach of the Buffalo Bills in the National Football League.

"If we had one area where we came up short," said Bruce, "it was at linebacker. We only signed two and wanted more than that, because we need help there.

"In fact, after signing our first 22 players to the national letter, we held some spots open for five or six outstanding linebackers, but we lost them all."

Florida, of course, has been a gold mine for Iowa State in recent years due to the recruiting efforts of Ray Greene and Joe Avezzano, going back to when they were both on the staff of former Cyclone Coach Johnny Majors.

Four more were brought in from the Sunshine State but that northern migration may be about over now. Avezzano went with Majors to Pittsburgh in 1973 and this past spring Green resigned to join the staff of Florida's Jacksonville entry in the new World Football League.

For complete roster, see page 106.

MIKE STRACHAN LEARNED to run by fleeing past the tickettakers at the Orange Bowl.

1,000 Ya

After two seasons with figures of 1,261 and 1,103 yards, the Ames strongman hopes to lead the 1974 Cyclones to the Orange Bowl where he'd be going through the front door instead of crashing the gate as he did while growing up in Miami.

By RON MALY
Des Moines Register

MIKE STRACHAN wants to go to a bowl game—a bowl game in which he'll be healthy enough to carry the football more than one time and gain more than one yard.

And it would be very, very nice, Strachan will tell you, if that bowl game is the Orange Bowl.

"Going to the Orange Bowl would mean we'd be champions of the Big Eight Conference," explained the Iowa State tailback who has gained 2,364 yards in his first two seasons.

Going to Miami and the Orange Bowl also has added significance for the 6-foot 1-inch, 198-pound senior. Strachan is from Miami, and he'd like to climax his college career in that massive stadium into which he used to sneak.

"When I was about 14 years old," Strachan recalled, "some of my friends and I would get into games at the Orange Bowl by jumping across the ticket counter.

"Then we'd start running before anyone could catch us."

The Orange Bowl, Strachan said, is four miles from his home.

"I've seen a lot of games there, and I've also played there," he said,. "In high school, I suppose I played four or five times in the Orange Bowl. The largest crowd to see us was about 12,000.

"I've seen the Miami Dolphins play there, and I've even been able to see some Orange Bowl games in the past."

And how did you get into those sold-out events, Mike?

"Somebody taking tickets at the gate would let me in," he said with a smile.

For Strachan to get another free admission to the Orange Bowl next January 1—this time with his Iowa State team—he must have another banner season as a runner, and a lot of other things must fall in place for the Cyclones.

There is no reason Mike shouldn't pile up another huge yardage total. Everything points to the powerful graduate of Miami Jackson High School being one of the premier runners not only in the Big Eight, but also the nation, in 1974.

"I'd like to gain more than 1,000 yards," Strachan said in what seems like a modest statement.

Mike has ALWAYS run for more than 1,000 yards at Iowa State. As a sophomore, he rambled for 1,261 and, as a junior, he collected 1,103.

When Mike says it is a goal of his to play in a bowl game, he means he wants to appear in a post-season contest in which he can do something.

He did make the trip as a sophomore when Iowa State met Georgia Tech in the Liberty Bowl. But he went into the game with an injury and carried the ball just one for one yard in the Cyclones' 31-30 loss.

Otherwise, it was a superb sophomore season for No. 33. He started it with 143 yards against Colorado State.

rd Habit for Strachan

Then came 116 against Utah and 187 against New Mexico.

The Cyclone coaches by then knew they had something. Something special.

With that start, and with later performances that netted 133 yards against Kansas State, 164 against Kansas, 112 against Nebraska and 106 against Oklahoma State, a reporter couldn't help but recall the pre-season.

He had gone to Ames to write a story about another Iowa State back, someone who was supposedly destined to be a star. At least that's what people thought.

"Better hold up on him," the Iowa State people cautioned. "He may not even be a starter. This kid Strachan—Mike Strachan—is going to beat him out."

So it went. Strachan, who had been plagued by injuries as a freshman, came from nowhere to start as a sophomore.

"I never thought I'd be this good," Strachan said softly as he reviewed his first two seasons. "I never expected this much."

The men in charge of recruiting Strachan for Iowa State were Ray Greene and Joe Avezzano, then assistants under Head Coach Johnny Majors.

Avezzano knew all about Jackson High School because he had starred there himself. Greene knew all about Florida high school football because he had coached in Miami.

"We knew Mike was a good player," Greene said. "He gained 600 or 700 yards as a senior, but he shared the job with another back.

"We considered recruiting the other back too, however, we felt he was too small. Strachan didn't even start for his high school team as a junior. But then few juniors ever start in this area. Thats just the system down here."

"Miami is a great football area. Football is THE sport there."

"Avezzano (who went with Majors to Pittsburgh after Strachan's sophomore season) gave me quite a bit of help in recruiting Strachan."

"Joe was a big star and knew the coaches. But when he attended Jackson, it was an almost all-white school. Now it's almost all black."

The Cyclone coaches looked at films of Strachan's high school games carefully. They liked what they saw, but no one really expected any 1,261 yards-as-a-sophomore sensation.

"Oh, he was an exceptional high school back, " Greene admitted.

"He's a very strong kid—especially in the legs. Plus that, he's a great competitor. He's probably as good a blocker as we have among our backs, too."

Greene brings up Iowa State's "300-Pound Club" to illustrate Strachan's strength.

"The '300-pound Club' is made up only of guys who can bench-press at least 300 pounds," Green explained.

"No one had seen Mike working with weights, so everyone was surprised when he asked if he could join the club. All the guys were surprised when they saw him bench press 330 pounds.

"It turned out he had been practicing on the weights in secret. He was working like hell on them after everyone else had left. That's the kind of worker he is."

The 1973 season was Strachan's first under Earle Bruce, who succeeded Majors as Iowa State's head coach.

"Mike is as hard a running back as I've seen, who was a high school coach, an assistant for six years at Ohio State and head man at Tampa before taking the Cyclone job.

"Strachan does everything well," Bruce added. "He blocks well, he fakes well, he even catches the ball well."

"He's a complete football player—a truly all-American candidate."

Bruce said "one of the truly great performances I have ever seen by a back was in our game last fall with Colorado. He carried the ball 40 times and gained 198 yards."

That has been Mike's best one-game total to date. His other yardage totals in '73 were 81 against Idaho; 131 against Arkansas; 85 against Brigham Young; 52 against Kansas State; 151 against Kansas; 60 against Oklahoma; 11 against Nebraska (he missed most of the game with an injury); 121 against Missouri; 157 against Oklahoma State and 56 against San Diego State.

"I had a better year as a sophomore," Strachan said. "because I felt quicker. I just didn't feel completely right last season."

As far as outstanding performances are concerned, Strachan picks out last year's Colorado game and the 1972 game against Nebraska, in which he gained 112 yards.

"That was the day we tied Nebraska," Mike recalls fondly.

As you sit and talk with Strachan, you wonder if he has any idea about how he has played a huge role in Iowa State's rebuilding program.

But he accepts it all modestly. He prefers to give the credit to others.

"There was a lot of talent at Iowa State when I arrived," he pointed out. "George Amundson and others were the leaders."

Oh, well, in a few years some Cyclone will be saying Mike Strachan was the leader when HE arrived on the scene in Ames.

Strachan has his eyes on a professional career when he leaves Iowa State, and Greene feels Mike will be drafted in the first three rounds.

"He'll be a good one in the pros," Greene said.

Strachan says he'll graduate after the winter quarter and adds that he's happy he chose to attend Iowa State.

"For a while, I had some second thoughts," Mike admitted. "I wondered if I'd be better off going to a school closer to home.

"But things have worked out fine for me. I like the environment at Iowa State, and I'm looking forward to a good senior season. I want to lead this team to some victories."

He'd also like to get into another Orange Bowl game for free. Preferably as one of the participating players.

IOWA STATE ROSTER

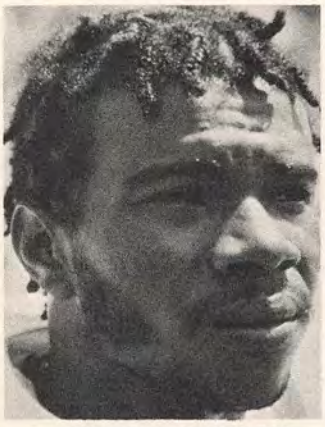
Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Andringa, Terry	OT	6-5	264	Sr	Sheldon, Ia
Anthony, Lagrant	LB	6-2	185	So	Tampa, Fla
Barghols, Kent	OT	6-5	228	Jr	Urbandale, Ia
Barritt, Barry	MM	6-2	180	So	Council Bluff, Ia
Bassett, Sy	MM	6-0	190	Sr	Cedar Rapids, Ia
Beaman, Bruce	MG	6-0	210	Sr	Rochester, NY
Belardenelli, D	DE	6-2	218	So	Endicott, NY
Becker, Dan	MM	6-4	180	Jr	Marshalltown, Ia
Blake, Don	FB	5-10	200	So	Bowie, Md
Blue, Luther	FL	6-0	190	So	Valdosta, Ga
Bolks, Rob	CB	6-1	190	Sr	Hull, Ia
Bos, Bob	OG	6-6	220	Jr	Brookfield, Wis
Bradley, Scott	MM	6-3	183	Sr	Zumbrota, Minn
Bryant,Curtis	FB	6-0	185	So	Miami, Fla
Bunker, Dave	C	6-2	220	So	Ames, Ia
Cartier, Kevin	DE	6-4	220	Jr	Wauwatosa, Wis
Chiaculas, Rick	C	6-3	225	Jr	Franklln Pk, Ill
Ciechanowski, A.	OG	6-3	233	Sr	Savannah, Ga
Clarey, Mark	LB	6-1	218	Jr	Cotati, Ca
Cooper, Frank	FB	5-11	187	So	Riviera Beach, Fl
Danowsky, Phil	FB	6-0	205	Sr	Cedar Rapids, Ia
Dixon, Al	TE	6-5	205	So	E. St. Louis, Ill
Doolin, Emmitt	CB	5-9	185	Sr	Cedar Rapids, Ia
Dunklin, Mel	FL	6-1	182	Jr	Warren, Ohio
Falder, Dan	LB	6-2	208	Jr	Mayfield, Ky
Forge, Gerry	LB	6-0	200	Sr	Dallas, Tx
Fritsch, John	C	6-1	215	Jr	Detroit, Mich
Gelinas, Pierre	DT	6-6	235	Jr	Quebec, Canada
Gnade, Mike	LB	6-2	185	Jr	Hawthorne, NJ
Goedjen, Tom	K	5-8	165	Sr	Two Rivers, Wis
Graham, Courtney	DB	6-1	185	So	Miami, Fla
Greenwood, Dave	C	6-4	215	Jr	Cedar Rapids, Ia
Greenwood, Don	TE	6-3	201	Sr	Cedar Rapids, Ia
Grove, Greg	TB	6-0	181	Jr	Tipton, Ia
Hallet, Mitch	DT	6-3	235	Sr	Summerset, Ky
Hanover, Dan	DT	6-2	218	So	Syracuse, NY
Hardeman, Buddy	QB	6-0	181	So	Auburn, NY
Hauck, Kevin	OT	6-4	225	Jr	Deerfield, Ill
Hawkins, Anthony	CB	6-0	175	So	Onondaga, NY
Herman, Bob	DT	6-2	245	Sr	Cedar Rapids, Ia
Hicks, Steve	FL	6-0	180	So	Chicago, Ill
Hiil, Barry	S	6-2	184	Sr	Delray Beach, Fla
Howe, Rick	DT	6-2	232	Sr	Clemons, Ia
Jaksich, Jerry	CB	6-1	195	So	Omaha, Neb
Jay, Ramsey	CB	5-9	173	Sr	Santa Barbara, Ca
Johnson, Lorenzo	S	6-1	185	Sr	Miami, Fla
Jones, Jeff	OG	6-2	217	Jr	Cedar Rapids, Ia
King, Ray	DE	6-4	220	Jr	Sac City, Ia
Kollman, Scott	K	6-0	170	So	Cedar Falls, Ia
Konrad, Paul	FB	6-0	205	Jr	Mitchell, .SD
Larkin, Bill	S	6-1	180	So	Syracuse, NY
Lenth, Doug	K	6-2	177	Jr	Postville, Ia
Leonard, Les	DE	6-2	200	Jr	Glenview, Ill
Little, Gary	OG	6-4	222	Sr	Columbus, Ohio
Luke, Bob	DT	6-2	230	Jr	Sioux City, Ia
Mark, Rick	CB	6-1	180	So	Collin ville, Ill
Martin, Bob	QB	6-2	188	Jr	Ogden, Utah
Mason, Tom	QB	5-11	190	Sr	Endwell, NY
McFarland, Ron	DT	6-2	240	So	Cincinnati, Ohio
McCarthy, Jon	OT	6-2	229	Jr	Des Moines, Ia
Miller, Greg	OT	6-3	230	So	Mitchell, SD
Miller, Tom	TB	5-10	187	So	Deerborn, Mich
Miller, Sherman	OG	6-2	237	Sr	Miami, Fla
Morton, Ed	TB	6-0	195	Jr	Westfield, NJ
Morton, Sheldon	TB	5-10	180	So	Des Moines, Ia
Moses, Jerry	FL	6-1	186	Sr	Waterloo, Ia
Moses, Neal	TB	6-0	185	Jr	Waterloo, Ia
Norman, Anthony	FB	6-5	208	So	Atlanta, Ga
Ohrt, Duance	DT	6-2	240	Sr	Waterloo, Ia
Overton, Rob	FL	6-2	188	Sr	Santa Barbara, Ca
Palmisano, Joe	CB	6-0	180	Jr	Akron, Ohio
Perine, Lenzy	DE	6-2	215	So	San Diego, Ca
Petsch, Gerry	DT	6-3	225	So	Detroit, Mich
Phillips, Joe	OG	6-0	220	So	Miami, Fla
Police, Bob	LB	6-0	197	So	South Bay, Fla
Reelitz, Terry	OG	6-2	205	Jr	Des Moines, Ia
Rogers, Glover	TE	6-4	225	Jr	Miami, Fla
Roundtree, Andre	DE	6-4	220	Sr	Garden Grove, Ca
Sands, Clive	SE	5-11	161	Sr	Nassau, Bahamas
Schueneman, Karl	OT	6-7	260	Jr	Waukeegon, Ill
Shelley, Rusty	QB	6-2	210	So	Joplin, Mo
Smith, Forry	SE	6-3	190	Jr	Waterloo, Ia
Smith, Scott	DT	6-4	235	So	Cedar Rapids, Ia
Stanley, Wayne	QB	6-0	180	Jr	Belle Glade, Fla
Stoffel, Bob	OG	6-2	210	So	Dubuque, Ia
Stone, Tom	LB	6-0	200	So	Aurora, Ill
Storm, Brad	LB	6-0	215	Sr	Belle P1aine, Fla
Strachan, Mike	TB	6-1	199	Sr	Miami, Fla
Sucharewicz, Tom	DE	6-3	220	So	Lynn, Mass
Thomas, Jack	OG	6-2	216	Jr	CouncilBluffs, Ia
Tryon, Mike	QB	6-2	180	So	Ames, Ia
Tyson, Mike	TB	5-11	190	So	Charleston, WV
Valasa, John	CB	6-2	185	So	Roselle Park, NJ
Wilke, Doug	DE	6-3	212	Sr	Mauston, Wis
Willams, Mark	S	6-3	188	Jr	Des Moines, Ia
Williams, Mike	TB	6-0	195	Jr	Laurel, Md
Wingender, Jim	TB	6-0	195	Jr	Omaha, Neb
Wodziak, John	OG	6-2	225	So	Tinley Park, Ill
Yelverton, Wally	DE	6-3	225	So	Endwell, NY
Young, Randy	OT	6-4	229	Jr	Miami, Fla

TOM GOEDJEN
A Standout Kicker

JERRY MOSES
Moving to Split End

PHIL DANOWSKY
Dependable Backfield Veteran

ANDRE ROUNDTREE
Fiery Defensive End



WAYNE STANLEY
Talent in Reserve QB

RON McFARLAND
Muscular Defensive Tackle

DON GREENWOOD
Rugged Tight End

BOB BOS
Super Offensive Guard

Cyclone Sketches

COACH EARLE BRUCE feels Iowa State will have a better offensive team in 1974, but the jury is still out on the defense . . . "We lost so many good defensive players in men such as Larry Hunt, Ted Jornov and Matt Blair," said Bruce . . . Bruce says the Cyclones' schedule is much tougher than it was last year. Iowa State leads off with Texas Tech, then plays Washington, Brigham Young and New Mexico before going into the Big Eight season. . ."I'm glad we're playing all our 'exhibition' games before starting the conference season," Bruce said. "I don't like the idea of a non-conference game at the end of the year."

Ray Greene, a member of Iowa State's coaching staff since 1969, left after spring practice to take a job with Jacksonville of the World Football League . . . "I've gone as far as I can go at Iowa State," he said. . .Bruce didn't criticize him for the move and wished him well . . . Greene had a big hand in recruiting many of the black players Iowa State harvested in Florida and Georgia in recent years. . .Tom Mason, a junior college transfer who quit the team early in fall practice last year, was back with the Cyclones last spring . . . When the workouts ended, he was the team's No. 3 quarterback, behind Buddy Hardeman and Wayne Stanley . . . Tailback Mike Strachan participated in only three spring practice sessions because of a hamstring injury . . . "Strachan found out that you don't play well when you don't practice," Bruce said after Mike gained only 34 yards in the spring game . . . Scott Kollman, a freshman from Cedar Falls, Iowa, kicked a 40-yard field goal in the spring game . . . He is a leftfooted soccer-style kicker. . ."He'll probably be redshirted this fall because we still have Tom Goedjen," Bruce said.

Look for Phil Danowsky to have an improved season for Iowa State at fullback . . . "I had a good spring," the senior-to-be said, "and I'm looking forward to carrying the ball more in the fall" . . . Danowsky has always been a strong blocker . . . One of Iowa State's quarterback recruits this fall is Bill Saban, nephew of Lou Saban, coach of the Buffalo Bills . . . Al Dixon, a freshman end from East St. Louis, Illinois, caught three passes for 66 yards and a touchdown in the spring game . . . Yet, four days before the game, he was an offensive tackle. . ."He hadn't run any of the plays at end, but did a fine job," said Bruce. "We'll keep him at end" . . . Jerry Moses had a good spring at flanker . . . People thought he'd be a star tailback for the Cyclones when he was recruited, but he couldn't dislodge Strachan . . . "Moses is out of Strachan's shadow," Bruce said. . . One of the surprises of the spring was Rob Stoffel, an offensive guard from Dubuque . . .

George Amundson, former Iowa State star, helped coach the quarterbacks and other offensive backs in the spring . . . King Block, former Iowa State assistant coach, now owns a western apparel store in Ames . . . His son is at Nebraska.

Any Discussion of Colorado Eventually Turns to Defense

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owner of the team's top return averages for punts and kickoff) to catch a lot of passes in the fall.''

Although depth concerns Mallory, there's no underestimating CU's starting offensive line of tight end Don Hasselbeck (6-7, 232), tackles Doug Payton (6-4, 249) and Mark Koncar (6-5, 255), guards Dennis Cimmino (6-3, 241). Payton was an all-conference guard a year ago and made the switch to tackle smoothly in the spring. He's a big guy with excellent agility. When the old CU staff switched a year ago to the ''50'' defense, the coaches fought for Payton's services, with the defensive staff coveting the talented blocker for the all-important middle guard position.

Hasselbeck earned his ''keep'' behind No. 1 draft choice Cain a year ago mostly as an extra tight end in goal line or short-yardage situations. Koncar was thrown in as a starter at LSU when Colorado was hit by an early injury siege in '73. He's an agile enough youngster even at 255 to still be considered a good baseball prospect by Irv Brown, who has been waiting patiently to get Koncar's services one of these springs. Goodman, who came to CU from Los Angeles City College two years ago with now graduated kicker Fred Lima, has never quite reached his full potential, but Mallory remains hopeful. ''Harvey Goodman can be just as good as he wants to be,'' says the new Buff coach in putting the pressure squarely on Goodman.

Any discussion of Colorado Football 1974, though, eventually goes back to defense, and nose guard in particular. The Buffs, it seemed, had as many defensive men over center last year as the Los Angeles Dodgers have had third basemen during their stay in Chavez Ravine. And, unlike the Dodgers at third, noboby was ever completely satisfied at nose guard for CU in '73.

The starter this year could well be one of last year's retreads, 6-0, 203-pound home-bred junior Steve Griffin, a much admired player by Mallory in the spring.

''I think I know what I want from a nose guard and Griffin has all the qualities I'm looking for,'' declared Mallory. ''I've heard a lot of people say Griffin's too small and Griffin has a bad attitude. Well, as far as I'm conerned, his attitude has been super. He's done everything we asked of him. It takes a certain breed of pup to play nose guard and Griffin shows all the characteristics that we're looking for. His size is no problem. He weighs 205 but plays like he's 225. Other people may want their nose guard to be bigger, but in our scheme, Griffin is big enough. He has amazing upper body strength. He can take a lot of our bigger players and stand 'em up straight like a Christmas tree when he hits 'em. What we need at nose guard is another guy just like Griffin.''

It could be sophomore Tiolo Lolotai, voted the outstanding player on last fall's frosh team, or perhaps junior college transfer Troy Archer, who began the spring as an end and has a bright future there. Or it might even be one of the bright young tackle prospects of the spring, Vic Odegard (6-3, 243).

A healthy Turcotte, perhaps, might free Odegard for duty, elsewhere. Tom Likovich, the other soph who came out of the dark to start as a defensive tackle in the spring, and 6-5, 244-pound junior Bob Simpson also fit into the tackle picture.

Colorado traditionally has had excellent secondary play, but never a great deal of depth. This would seem to be the case again. Cornerback Rod Perry, the team's fastest man at 4.3 and a vicious hitter for a 168-pounder; apache (rover) Grag Westbrooks, 1973's most improved player from beginning-to-end of the season, and safety Jerry Martinez are all quality Big Eight players. Beyond those three, CU is searching, although sophomore corners Tom Hilton (a member of the Galveston Ball senior class of 1972 that included CU defensive end Whitney Paul and Oklahoma's Kerry Jackson and Mike Phillips) and Mike Spivey, kicker cornerback Tom McKenzie, a junior college transfer, and sophomore safety Bobby Morris, also a punting candidate, all have potential.

It's potential which must develop, not only in the secondary but through the defensive unit, if Mallory is to wind up the season introducing his defensive staff first in November. If he can, his first year at Colorado will be very definitely be a banner season.

WHITNEY PAUL (86) led a Buff defense which harried Jaynes all afternoon.

Billy Waddy
(5-11, 178 So)
Melvin Johnson
(5-11, 173 So)

Terry Kunz
(6-2, 210 Jr)
Jim Kelleher
(6-1, 210 Jr)

David Williams
(6-1,208 Jr)
CLYDE CRUTCHMER
(5-11, 172 Jr)

DAVID LOGAN
(6-5, 220 Jr)
Larry Ferguson
(5-10, 173 Jr)

Don Hasselbeck
(6-8, 242 So)
Pat Kohlman
(6-2, 216 Jr)

DOUG PAYTON
(6-4, 255 Sr)
Charlie Fernandez
(6-2, 244 Jr)

HARVEY GOODMAN
(6-4, 251 Sr)
Leon White
(6-2, 253 So)

Pete Brock
(6-4, 248 Jr)
Lorenzo Scott
(6-4, 222 Jr)

Dennis Cimmino
(6-3, 237 Jr)
Steve Hakes
(6-2, 231 So)

MARK KONCAR
(6-5, 261 Jr)
Steve Young
(6-8, 239 Jr)

STEVE HAGGERTY
(5-10, 166 Sr)
Larry Williams
(6-3, 183 So)

Whitney Paul
(6-5, 220 Jr)
Pat Confer
(6-0, 211 Jr)
BILL DONNELL
(6-2, 245 Sr)

Tom Likovich
(6-2, 221 So)
Jim Simmerman
(6-4, 220 So)

STEVE GRIFFIN
(6-0, 203, Jr)
Tiloi Lolotai
(6-0, 220 So)

Vic Odegard
(6"3, 243 So)
JEFF TURCOTTE
(6-5, 255 Sr)
Bob Simpson
(6-5, 244 Jr)

Rick Stearns
(6-1, 203 Sr)
John Berg
(5-11, 209 Jr)

Gary Campbell
(6-1, 216 Jr)
ED SHOEN
(6-1, 216 Sr)

JEFF GEISER
(6-2, 213 Sr)
Bart Roth
(6-2, 202 So)
BOBBY HUNT
(6-1, 207 Sr)

Tom Hilton
(6-2, 174 So)
Tom McKenzie
(5-11, 181 Jr)

GREG WESTBROOKS
(6-2, 213 Sr)
Mike Spivey
(6-0, 190 So)

JERRY MARTINEZ
(5-10, 182 Jr)
Bobby Morris
(5 11, 180 So)

ROD FERRY
(5-9, 168 Sr)
Horace Perkins
(5-10, 176 So)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

Sophs To Watch

Mallory will have a wealth of talent, previously untapped by Crowder, to shore up defensive deficiencies: 7 jucos, 28 redshirts and 30 sophomores.

By DAN CREEDON *Boulder Camera*

TWO YEARS AGO, Colorado reached into the California junior college ranks and came up with a talkative little kicker who had been born in Chile and booted the football long and far soccer-style and preferably bare-footed by the name of Freddie Lima.

All Lima did as a junior in 1972 was lead the nation in kick-scoring (80 points) and boom a then Big Eight record (for distance) 57-yard field goal. Lima, who played a bit part in the movie, "The Godfather", slumped in '73 as a senior, mostly because Colorado didn't move the football with enough consistency to take advantage of the Los Angeles City College product's strong leg.

With Lima scheduled to walk the graduation plank after the '73 season, the old CU staff had its eye out for kicking help and, even before Bill Mallory signed on as the Buffs' new grid boss, Jim Mora (now on UCLA's defensive staff) had gone back into the Southern California junior college ranks for another kicker, soccer-style, of course, but no Chilean.

The name is Tom McKenzie, and he's also a defensive back of some note (Juco All-American at Mt. San Antonio last fall). But McKenzie kicked so well in his first spring at Colorado you have to wonder if the Buff staff will even expose him as a defender unless it's absolutely necessary.

In the Buffs' spring intrasquad finale, McKenzie was perfect—six extra points and 42 and 48-yard field goals—while kicking for both teams. It wasn't any surprise, though. He hadn't missed a scrimmage PAT kick all spring. And he came in with a remarkable record for consistency at Mt. SAC, well over 90 per cent on conversions.

McKenzie, who chose Colorado over one of the Buffs' out-of-conference opponents in '74 (Wisconsin), won't get the kicking job by default in the fall. There will be another J.C. product, Mark Usselman, of Farmington, N.M., around to challenge the Californian.

In addition to McKenzie, Usselman and five other J.C.'s scheduled to enroll in the fall, Mallory and his staff will also be drawing on other areas of talent not tapped by Eddie Crowder's staff last year in the form of 28 redshirts (19 of whom are now sophs in terms of eligibility) and the 30 frosh scholarship hands from a year ago who saw no action with the varsity (CU layed six frosh at one time or another in '73.).

The red-shirt soph who made perhaps the most progress in the spring was Tom Hilton, a 173-pound closed-side cornerback from Galveston, Texas (Ball High School). Hilton was a total mystery man a year ago to most CU followers, when Colorado was hit with a year's probation (no sanctions) from the Big Eight and NCAA for suggesting the pencil-thin defender might check into the possibility of seeing if his class rank could be changed. (Hilton enrolled in the days of the old 1.6). The schools Office of Admissions challenged the change and Hilton enrolled as a non-predictor in the fall of 1972, the same status under which potential defensive end starter Whitney Paul also arrived the same fall. They had been teammates at Galveston Ball with Oklahoma's Kerry Jackson and Mike Phillips. Jackson and Phillips, who should have been non-predictors, played in '72 and the resulting penalty for OU is well-known.

One of Mallory's regrets over the spring was his failure to get a look at red-shirt offensive lineman John Kormylo, also a soph. Knee surgery kept Kormylo out almost all spring. "I'd like to have had a chance to work in the spring with a guy like Kormylo," noted Mallory. "We think he can play someplace for us in the fall." That someplace may be center behind Peter Brock. Kormylo is a 6-3, 234-pounder for Thermpolis, Wyo.

The best grad of last year's 4-1-0 Buff frosh team?

It just might be Vic Odegard, an offensive guard and tackle as a freshman who switched to defense in the spring and was perhaps the finest lineman at tackle.

"I kinda had a hint I might be headed for defense when Coach Batta (Tom) started getting pretty friendly with me, the 6-3, 235-pound Mukilteo, Wash., native said. "It really didn't make any difference to me where the coaches decided I should play. I just wanted to a chance to play. I'd played linebacker in high school, so defense isn't entirely new to me. I knew there were a lot of experienced players ahead of me at guard. I would have had a tough time playing there."

Of Odegard and Tom Likovich, the Phoenix, Ariz., product who surfaced as the other starting tackle in the spring, Batta noted: "Both have very aggressive attitudes. Maybe because they're sophomore, they don't hold anything back. They're very active and give us the movement our defense demands."

Although solidly entrenched at tackle at the close of spring ball, Odegard just might be moving in the fall. "Vic could play at middle guard, too," Mallory offered one early summer day, "If some of our older tackles come through."

Odegard and Likovich were recruited by the same Crowder aide, offensive backfield coach Kay Dalton (now Denver Broncos' receivers' coach) and, ironically, each almost wound up playing for men who were candidates at one time or another for the Colorado job which went to Mallory—Washington State's Jim Sweeney in Odegard's case and Arizona State's Frank Kush in Likovich's case.

TOM PERRY

VIC ODEGARD

"Freshman Harvest"

Colorado lost two of state's top three prep stars, but regrouped to recruit "some pretty solid people who will be totally dedicated to our program."

By **DAN CREEDON** *Boulder Camera*

LESS THAN FOUR WEEKS after Bill Mallory began work as the University of Colorado's 18th head football coach, he was welcomed to the Big Eight in the rudest sort of way. Conference rivals Oklahoma State and Nebraska invaded Colorado and walked off with two of the top three instate prospects, with the Cowboys signing Colorado Springs Mitchell running back Terry Miller and Nebraska taking (but later losing, to UCLA) hometown quarterback Jeff Knapple of Fairview.

Mallory reacted the only way he knew how. In complete candor, he conceded: "We lost some people we didn't want to lose. We lost Knapple. I wanted him. I don't mind telling you that I'm very pleased he'll be going to UCLA and not Nebraska."

Then he and his staff just worked much harder to land as much talent as possible for their first class of recruits, a group they had less than seven weeks to assemble after arriving from Miami University (Ohio) on January 18.

"Overall, I think we got some pretty solid people," Mallory assessed. "We believe in recruiting a real quality type of individual. We want players with character, not bums. We're interested in kids who will be totally dedicated and committed to our program."

Dean Brittenham, a holdover from the Eddie Crowder football administration and recruiting coordinator for Mallory, says those just aren't idle words. "Coach Mallory goes a lot on character. We had some people with excellent credentials he just crossed off the list after visiting with them. 'They're not our kind of player,' he told me. He feels very strongly in this area.

Enough about generalities, what about names?

Mallory himself starts with Gary Washington, a 6-3, 210 pounder with 9.6 speed who was out of football a year ago while finishing his high school education at the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. "Gary Washington is a blue-chipper," says Mallory of the deaf youngster. "He could be the best athlete of all. He's a whale of a prospect. We're going to play him in the secondary and we're excited about him."

The biggest CU signee, 6-5, 330-pound tackle Jackie Thornton, a Farmington, New Mexico wrestling champion the CU staff projects as an offensive lineman, will probably have to lose some weight before he plays. "Thornton can move well now, but we'd like him to take off about 50 pounds," says Mallory of the young man who won 60 straight high school wrestling matches the last two years.

And CU, which previously had operated only in the Houston Gulf Coast area signed six Texans, including Mike Hagen, a 6-4, 215 pound defensive end from Lubbock the CU staff regarded as "super blue-chip" (their highest rating). He has 4.9 speed in the 40. West Texas also yielded two other rangy defensive ends with excellent credentials in 6-5, 216-pounder Mark Krupicka of Odessa, who signed first with Texas A & M, and 6-4, 215-pound Steve Kubinski, an El Paso product on New Mexico's most wanted list.

Out of San Antonio, Hardy got a 6-0, 205 pound linebacker with 4.8 speed, Mike Tope of Sam Houston High School. "Tope was a very outstanding high school football player," offers Ortmayer, who can offer a neutral observation. "He reminded me very much of Jeff Geiser (the Buff varsity's best returning linebacker). He'll put forth the same type of effort Jeff always has."

Brittenham feels the real sleeper of the entire freshman team is a left-handed quarterback from West Orange High School in Orange, Texas—6-1, 195-pound Ray Pousson. "We were looking at another West Orange kid on film when we spotted Pousson. He played for a team which didn't really throw too much, although he did toss something like 32 touchdown passes the last two years. But mostly he ran, for over 2,000 yards. He was overlooked by a lot of the Southwest Conference schools but we like his quickness and the way he sets up (to pass)."

The CU staff is also intrigued with a 6-6, 188-pounder they got out of Eastern Hills High School in Fort Worth—defensive back-split end-quarterback Chuck McCarter. Those, ironically, are the same positions '73 grad Jon Keyworth 6-5, 222 played as a Buff freshman before making a name for himself primarily as a running back at Colorado and becoming the Washington Redskin's first draft pick last winter.

CU fans may have expected a flock of Ohio natives in Mallory's first class, but the distance factor weighed against such a trend. Mallory, though, does like very much Denny Fleming, a 6-0, 197-pound tailback from Trenton, Ohio who was an all-Southwest Ohio choice after running for 14 touchdowns and 1,183 yards last year. He has 4.6 speed and is a tough enough runner to play at fullback.

After Washington, the most heralded in-state CU signee was Tim Weaver, a 2-year all-state linebacker from Arvada West. He has 4.8 speed and was rated just behind the Knapple-Miller-Washington trio.

Colorado got what Brittenham felt was a late "break" in signing a pair of all-staters off of Kentridge High School's Class AAA state championship team in Kent, Washington, defensive end Leon Minter (6-5, 215) and quarterback-rover Randy Westendorf. Minter was voted the outstanding lineman in the Washington last fall. "Both these young guys were starters on Kentridge's basketball team which finished fourth in the state and because of basketball were prevented from making too many early visits. By the time they started a visit, a number of Pacific-8 schools they had originally been interested in, already had signed their limit."

A good recruiting year for Mallory and Co.? Yes. A great year? Probably not. As one rival recruiting coordinator acquainted with the Colorado scene said, "Unquestionably, Knapple and Miller were two of the finest players ever in Colorado; David Logan types. Put those two with 28 other bodies and you could probably call it a great year. Losing them is like losing a David Humm and a Johnny Rodgers. It's that cut and dried." *For complete roster, see page 106.*

A CLASSIC, IN THE MARK TWAIN TRADITION

A little-known quarterback from Boling, Texas, was presumptuous enough to believe he could play tailback for a Buff team which boasted a solidly entrenched super star in Charlie Davis ... and he succeeded. By FRANK HARAWAY *Denver Post*

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1973, Billy Waddy was practicing with the University of Colorado freshman football squad. As of September 3, after a hint from a magazine editor that it might be worth a shot for the CU varsity to take a look at him, he began working out with the big Buffaloes.

Nineteen days later Waddy exploded onto the national football scene with a 202-yard blast against Wisconsin that earned him national back of the week accolades from Sports Illustrated and United Press International. The previous week he had gotten his varsity feet wet against Louisiana State.

It would be next to impossible to check this ascendency to stardom against that of other freshmen backs in the nation's major grid ranks. Certainly very few frosh, if any, vaulted to national back of the week honors after only 14 varsity practice sessions.

Waddy went on to a season production of 551 years net on 101 carries for a 5.4 average, which put his freshman statistics in the same ball park with those of Oklahoma's Joe Washington, the Big Eight's top running back of 1973 as a sophomore. Washington's 1972 freshman figures were 630 yards net on 115 carries for a 5.5 average.

The freshman output for Waddy broke the CU school record of 423 set by Carroll Hardy in 1951 when yearlings were allowed to play during the Korean War manpower pinch. Waddy embellished his rushing statistics by hitting four of six halfback passes for 169 yards, three of them for touchdowns, by returning five kickoffs for 106 yards, and by catching five passes for 49 yards. The 5-11, 183-pound yearling averaged 7.5 yards every time he touched the football and was voted the Big Eight freshman offensive player of the year.

Waddy undoubtedly would have compiled even more impressive arithmetic except that the Buffs also had a fellow named Charlie Davis, who had piled up nearly 2,600 yards in the two previous seasons. It was inevitable that a senior of Davis' credentials, even though he got a slow start in '73, would be starting practically all of the games, and Charles did.

But they wound up virtually splitting the tailback time and Davis' 5.5 average was just a shade above Waddy's.

There's a striking parallel in the recruiting background and varsity break-in of Davis and Waddy. Both were recruited for CU by Cottrell B. McGowan, wno coached at high schools in the Houston area before coming to Colorado. Both were top-flight backs in high school but better even than most recruiters realized. Both were instant sensations in the debuts.

Freshman, of course, were not eligible when Davis arrived at Colorado, so he did not make his debut until his sophomore year. Waddy's debut likely would have been delayed had it not been for a chance remark by Hank Keitz, editor and publisher of the Big Eight football magazine, at the time the Big Eight skywriters visited the Colorado campus around Septomber 1.

Keitz remarked to then Coach Eddie Crowder that he had seen Waddy in the Texas High School All-Star game and considered him the outstanding back on the field although another player got the MVP award.

The next day Waddy began working with the varsity and almost won the starting job for the LSU opener but Davis started. Waddy, however, came up with CU's longest gain of the frustrating night as he twice dribbled a fumbled pitchout and kept right on going for a 24-yard run.

At the time some of his many friends in the Houston area touted McGowan on Waddy, the latter was a halfback on the high school team in Boling, Texas, where Billy was born and reared.

Four games into his senior season Waddy was shifted from tailback to quarterback after Boling had started off 0-3.

"I didn't want to play quarterback," he recalls. "It was just something I had to do for the team. We really needed a quarterback. I mostly rolled out. I was just like another running back."

He was anything but "just another back", however, as he led his team through 11 straight victories and the Class AA state championships with five playoff triumphs in succeesion. In the 200 state title victory, Waddy ran for 108 yards and one touchdown in 18 tries.

In an earlier 33-22 Boling triumph he scored all the points, running back one punt and scoring three times on QB sneaks of 30-40 yards. In another game he had a 99-yard intereption touchdown.

Waddy was something of a track star at Boling too, finishing second in the state meet with 47.9 in the 440. He has been times in 4.5 in the 440.

It was inevitable that Waddy would be heavily recruited and he was before narrowing down to Rice and Colorado.

BILLY WADDY (38) EXPLODES
through the Sooners for 12 yards in a drive which gave the Buffs a 7-0 lead over Oklahoma.

He signed a Southwest Conference letter of intent at Rice, "but it really was no contest after I visited Colorado and knew that they wanted me," Waddy confided. "I really wanted to go to school away from home anyway and I wanted to get up here (Boulder) where the football was at. The Big Eight is where they play football."

Waddy had no idea when he arrived at Boulder last August that he would be getting an early shot with the varsity. "I was kinda late getting started," he said. "I didn't get a physical right away. I'd been practicing with the freshmen three or four days when Coach (Ralph) Goldston (backfield assistant) asked me if I would like to try it with the varsity. I told him yes."

Waddy's introduction to college football game action was a violent one. His first handoff from quarterback Clyde Crutchmer arrived simultaneously with LSU tackle Steve Cassidy and the ferocity of Cassidy's hit was enough to make the live LSU tiger mascot almost leap through the bars of his cage. To Waddy's credit, he hung onto the ball while accepting a 1-yard loss.

"That's the hardest I've every been hit," Waddy said. "He really stung me."

With Davis hurt, Waddy got his big chance in the Wisconsin game. He capped his 202-yard day with a 17-yard run for the game-winning touchdown in the 28-25 Colorado triumph. The run capped an 80 yard drive against the clock.

"On our previous possession some guy drove in low and caught me on the right knee," Waddy said. "I wasn't too sure I could do anything but I went back in and found out I could still run OK."

This was something of an understatement as he carried seven times on the drive for 61 yards, including runs of 10, 16, and 14 prior to the final 17.

"When he came back after the bruised knee and did the job he showed mental and physical toughness," Coach Crowder remarked.

Waddy had other big moments during the season but nothing, of course, to match the Wisconsin feat. At times he had fumble problems and one bobble came in the final seconds after a 13-yard gain to the Kansas 24 yard line where CU planned to kick a winning field on what would have been the last play of the game. Instead the Buffs took a tough 17-15 loss.

"Ball control is my biggest problem," Waddy confided at the close of 1974 spring drills. "I've got to handle it better."

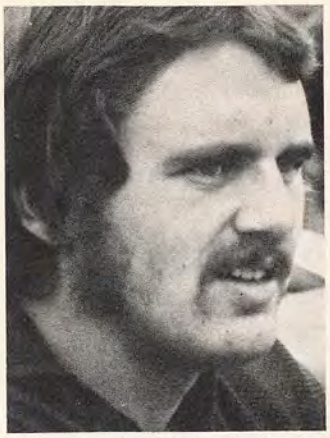
New Coach Bill Mallory calls Waddy "a young man with a lot of talent and a lot of potential. He could be outstanding because he works at it. Some things only experience can teach and he'll get that. He has speed, quickness, and hands we can throw to. We plan to throw to our tailbacks regularly."

Waddy gave serious consideration to leaving CU last winter. He, as well as many other Buff gridders, objected to what they considered "the abusive manner" of assistant coach Goldston. "If he had remained, I wondered if I should come back," said Waddy. "Mel Johnson (who will share the tailback job with Waddy) felt the same way and so did a lot of others."

"But now I'm completely happy. These new coaches have made a change in the whole attitude around here and we're all looking forward to a great season."

COLORADO ROSTER

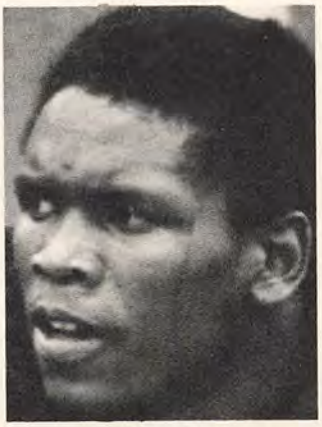
Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Allen, Larry	TE	6-6	226	Jr	Ontario, Ca
Arnold, Blake	QB	5-11	166	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Arnold, Buck	TE	6-4	201	So	Boulder, Co
Berg, John	DE	5-11	209	Jr	Chicago, Ill
Barrs, Ray	TB	6-0	210	So	Albuquerque, NM
Brace, Doug	MG	6-4	218	So	Canon City, Co
Brock,Pete	C	6-4	241	Jr	Beaverton, Ore
Burns, Art	LB	6-1	208	So	Littleton, Co
Byrne, Steve	C	6-3	245	Jr	Sacramento, Ca
Campbell, Gary	LB	6-1	221	Jr	Honolulu, Hawaii
Carlson, Doug	S	6-0	196	Jr	Calgary, Alberta
Chinatti, Howard	SE	6-0	175	So	Falls Village, Ct
Cilento, Mike	DB	5-10	170	So	Colonia, NJ
Cimmino, Dennis	OG	6-3	237	Jr	West Haven, Conn
Clark, Jeff	OG	6-2	234	Sr	Council Bluff, Ia
Confer, Pat	DE	6-0	211	So	Colonia, NJ
Coomer, Tom	DB	6-3	196	So	Lakewood, Co
Cox, Ted	QB	6-2	184	So	Gretna, Neb
Crutchmer, Clyde	QB	5-10	173	Jr	Okmulgee, Ok
Dages, Al	OG	6-2	232	Sr	Westminster, Ca
Dahlborg, Terry	DB	6-2	198	So	Castlerock, Co
Donnell, Bill	DE	6-2	245	Sr	Chicago, Ill
Ellwood, Rick	S	6-3	204	Jr	Downey, Ca
Fernandez, C.	OG	6-2	244	Jr	Honolulu, Hawaii
Ferguson, Larry	WB	5-10	175	Sr	Hawthorne, Ca
Geiser, Jeff	LB	6-2	213	Sr	LaVeta, Co
Griffin, Steve	MG	6-0	203	Jr	Boulder, Co
Goodman, Harvey	OG	6-4	251	Sr	Hollywood, Ca
Haggerty, Steve	SE	5-10	166	Sr	Littleton, Co
Hakes, Steve	OG	6-2	231	So	Aurora, Co
Harris, Brad	LB	6-1	196	So	Bear Creek, Co
Hasselbeck, Don	TE	6-7	232	So	Cincinnati, Ohio
Hawthorne, Vance	DB	5-9	163	Jr	Des Moines, Ia
Hilton, Tom	DB	6-2	170	So	Galveston, Tx
Hunt, Bobby	LB	6-1	207	Sr	Denver, Co
Johnson, Melvin	TB	5-11	168	So	Bourg, La
Johnston, Dave	QB	6-3	189	So	Canon City, Co
Kelleher, Jim	FB	6-1	210	Jr	Fort Wayne, Ind
Kensinger, Jeff	DB	6-1	174	Sr	Loveland, Co
Kerin, Mike	DE	6-2	218	So	Colo Springs, Co
leln, Kelly	LB	5-11	212	Jr	Denver, Co
Kohlman, Pat	TE	6-2	216	Jr	San Jose, Ca
Koleski, Stan	KS	6-4	194	So	Broomfield, Co
Koncar, Mark	OT	6-5	255	Jr	Murray, Utah
Kormylo, John	OG	6-3	234	So	Thermopolis, Wyo
Krause, Paul	QB	6-1	192	Jr	Littleton, Co
Kunz, Terry	FB	6-2	208	Jr	Wheat Ridge, Co
Kurtenbach, J.	TE	6-3	201	So	Chatsworth, Ill
LaGarde, Robert	SE	5-11	173	So	Bourg, La
Larson, Howard	OT	6-4	222	Jr	LaHabra, Ca
Likovich, Tom	DT	6-2	221	So	Phoenix, Az
Logan, David	WB	6-5	225	Jr	Wheat Ridge, Co
Lolotal, Tiloi	MG	6-0	224	So	Honolulu, Hawaii
Mackenzie, Tom	DB	5-11	181	Jr	West Covina, Ca
Martinez, Jerry	S	5-10	182	Jr	Denver, Co
Mauler, Larry	OT	6-5	226	Jr	Englwood, Co
Mayfield, Steve	DT	6-5	225	So	Gary, Ind
Metover, Mike	DE	6-3	200	Jr	Gardena, Ca
Moorhead, Emery	WB	6-1	209	So	Evanston, Ill
Morris, Bobby	S	5-11	180	So	Boulder, Co
Mundell, Joe Bob	DB	6-0	196	So	Walsh, Co
Nall, Webb	OT	6-4	246	So	Thomaston, Ga
Nelson, John	FB	6-2	208	So	Winnipeg, Alberta
Odegard, Vic	OT	6-3	243	So	Mukiteo, Wash
Osborne, George	OT	6-6	227	So	Salida, Co
Paul, Whitney	DE	6-5	211	Jr	Galveston, Tx
Payton, Doug	OG	6-4	249	Sr	Security, Co
Perkins, Horace	TB	5-10	176	So	El Campo, Tx
Perry, Rod	DB	5-9	168	Sr	Fresno, Ca
Perry, Tom	LB	6-3	221	So	Colo Springs, Co
Phillips, Alvin	LB	6-0	218	So	Security, Co
Poitier, Polie	WB	6-0	176	So	Coral Gables, Fl
Porter, Elworth	SE	6-0	165	So	Houston, Tx
Roth, Bart	LB	6-0	202	So	Aurora, Co
Salvi, Dave	MM	5-11	196	So	Salida, Co
Saylor, Mark	OT	6-1	223	So	Erie, Co
Schmidt, Tom	OG	6-1	215	So	Phoenix, Az
Schroeter, Rob	MG	6-0	213	Jr	Sacramento, Ca
Scott, Lorenzo	OT	6-4	222	Jr	New Orleans, La
Shoen, Ed	LB	6-1	216	Sr	San Diego, Ca
Simmerman, Jim	DT	6-4	215	So	Fresno, Ca
Simpson, Bob	DT	6-5	244	Jr	Littleton, Co
Spivey, Mike	MM	6-0	190	So	Houston, Tx
Stearns, Rick	DE	6-1	203	Sr	Denver, Co
Stewart, Chas	SE	6-1	185	So	Houston, Tx
Stripling, Steve	OG	6-2	238	Jr	Carlsbad, NM
Tesone, Tom	QB	6-2	190	So	Cherry Creek, Co
Thompson, Ricky	MG	6-0	198	So	Ridgway, Co
Trad, Sam	OT	6-3	211	Sr	Redlands, Ca
Tremblay, John	DT	6-0	239	Jr	Santa Barbara, Ca
Turcotte, Jeff	DT	6-5	255	Sr	Ottawa, Ontario
Vatt, Dan	DB	6-0	205	So	Greeley, Co
Waddy, Billy	TB	5-11	183	So	Boling, Tx
Westbrooks, Greg	MM	6-4	213	Sr	Kansas City, Mo
White, Leon	OG	6-3	252	So	Bell, Ca
Wilkman, Mike	DT	6-5	249	Jr	Castro Valley, Ca
Williams, David	QB	6-1	208	Jr	Homer, La
Williams, Larry	SE	6-3	183	So	Sweeny, Tx
Wiman, Chuck	MM	6-0	184	So	Grand Junction,Co
Young, Steve	OT	6-8	239	Jr	Ontario, Ca
Zetterberg, Mark	KS	6-2	186	So	Bayport, NY



JEFF TOURCOTT
Superior Strength at Tackle

DAVID LOGAN
Premier Flanker

DON HASSELBECK
A Towering Tight End



STEVE GRIFFIN
A Gutsy Nose guard

MELVIN JOHNSON
A 9.3 Speedster in Reserve

STEVE HAGGERTY
Swift Wide Receiver

DAVID WILLIAMS
New Leader on Offense

WHITNEY PAUL
Rugged Defensive End

Buffalo Sketches

WHAT DO UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FOOTBALL PLAYERS THINK of their new coach, Bill Mallory? A most typical answer came from second unit defensive end Mike Kerin, a red-shirt sophomore, near the end of spring drills: "He has everybody's respect. He's tough and he doesn't miss a thing on the field. If you blow an assignment, he lets you know about it. And, it doesn't matter, if you're first string or fourth string, black or white, he treats everybody the same." . . . One thing new in the CU football program this fall will be a football dormitory, Brackett Hall, less than 100 yards removed from the southeast corner of Folsom Field. "It'll be nice, but it won't be any palace," says Mallory of the small, three-story dorm being remodeled for its new occupants. The football dormitory isn't a Mallory carryover from Miami. "At Miami, all our players lived in the dorm system, but not all in the same dorm," he points out.

How important is defense in Mallory's system of priorities? Well, perhaps, the staff assignments he made when he came to Colorado tell it best. Bob Reublin, who had been his offensive coordinator last fall at Miami when the Redskins had what most Mid-American Conference folks felt was their best attack in Mallory's five seasons at the Oxford, Ohio school, became defensive coordinator at Colorado, when Dick Crum, the defensive coordinator for Mallory's five Miami teams, got the new CU head coach's old job. Mallory's staff is close. Six of the aides were with him at Miami. And, a seventh, quarterback coach Dwight Wallace, played under Mallory at Bowling Green . . .

Looking for a "sleeper" in the Buff's fall camp. Try Tom Perry, a 6-3, 221-pound sophomore fullback with sprinter's speed. "Tom Perry's a young kid who is going to be an excellent football player once he gets a little experience at fullback," says Mallory. "We looked at him first as a linebacker, so were late in returning him to fullback. That's his position. There's no limit on his potential. He has all the physical tools." . . .

Another Perry, Rod, a 5-9, 168-pound cornerback who scored in the Big Eight indoor track meet (:06.3 in the 60 dash), is the Buffs' fastest man in 40 sprints (:04.3). He also hits like dynamite in the secondary, much like another lightweight, Ozell Collier (fourth-round Denver Bronco draft choice) did late last year. Mallory marvels at Rod Perry's speed. "I've never been around speed like we have here," he says. "At Miami, if we had a guy that could run a 4.5, we'd turn cartwheels. Here (at CU) we've got a guy like Perry that can do a 4.3. That's fabulous." Close behind Perry, says Mallory, are tailbacks Melvin Johnson and Billy Waddy, split ends Steve Haggerty and Robert LaGarde and cornerback Horace Perkins, a converted tailback . . .

Bill Donnell, a 6-4, 245-pound defensive end, is looking forward to his senior season, particularly the early part of it when the Bison catch Michigan and Wisconsin on back-to-back Saturdays. Donnell, a Chicago native, was heavily recruited by both the Badgers and Wolverines and there were harsh words between the Buff defender and Michigan coach Bo Schembechler after he decided on CU. Colorado is 2-0 vs. the Big Ten with Donnell as a starter (38-6 over Minnesota and 28-25 over Wisconsin) . . .

Visitors to Folsom Field may find a smoother surface on which to run this year. Shortly after CU's spring intrasquad game, the AstroTurf was completely taken up and a new pad installed before the artificial "grass" was glued back in place. There were noticeable ripples in the turf a year ago, the result, CU athletic department officials say, of an early fall rock concert . . . Don Hasselbeck, the Buffs' 6-7 tight end, hopes to play basketball this winter. He was a standout prep cager in Cincinnati (La Salle High School), but spent last winter building up the upper part of his body.

Only Noseguard Remains Uncertain in the Tiger's Defense

MISSOURI *from page 31*

D.W. Johnston, a 6-4, 246-pound transfer from St. Grossmont, California J.C. and Morris Towns, a 6-4, 270-pound soph from St. Louis. Then there was Tom Kowalczyk, 6-3, 237, another soph from St. Louis. If the other four prove out, Kowalczyk could wind up at guard.

Mike Owens, 6-4, 235-pound son of former professional Don Owens, is the leading candidate at center even though knee surgery kept him out of spring drills. Converted tackle Larry McDevitt, 238-pound soph from St. Louis, will back him up.

Don Muse (6-2, 212) and Chuck Douglass (6-3, 218) both are experienced at tight end and even if they were not starters at the end of last season. Missouri has a posse of wide receivers with good hands and good speed. Juniors Mark Miller 6-1, 170) and Henry Marshall (6-3, 206) will provide the shuttle service for the signals Onofrio sends in.

Up front on defense, two happy questions: Can senior starting tackles Mark Johnson (6-3, 236) and Dennis Vanarsdall (6-1, 221) hold their jobs against the challenge of pass-rushing Dave Johnston, a 236-pound senior switched from defensive end?

The only uncertainty is at noseguard where Randy Frisch, who won the job as a freshman, has become a backup tackle. Tom Cooper, 239-pound junior had the position in hand in the spring, a bit ahead of junior college transfer Steve Meyers (6-3, 223). But certain to be in the picture is Danny Smith, 260-pound transfer from Fort Scott, J.C. who will join the squad the first time this fall with three varsity seasons still ahead of him.

Onofrio is looking for a big strong fellow at noseguard who knows how to stay in his lane in a pass rush, a talent lacking last fall.

Clay Cooper, assistant head coach, is up to here in defensive backs, despite the loss of Moseley. Three of his four deep-including budding star Ken Downing— return. Three more experienced performers are back after serving out a year's suspension for participating in a pot party and the best prospect since Roger Wehrli is up off the freshman squad.

Downing will man the strong side corner and going into the fall, Brad Brown has Moseley's old weak corner spot, with sophomore Rob Fitzgerald right behind him. Fitzgerald, a swift 6-foot, 185-pounder is a ball hawk and needs only improve on his tackling to be a great one.

Brad Bushell (6-0, 191) will back up Downing (5-11, 184).

Tony Gillick may be the Big Eight's walk-on behind him. Starter Steve Yount will have to battle hard in the fall to win back his job at free safety or "Tiger back." Chuck Banta had it as spring practice ended. Joe Gross also looked good in certain situations.

"You'd have to see us as improved over this time last year," said Cooper. "We have more experience people, more depth. And the ends and linebackers, who have important roles in our pass zones, made great improvement this spring."

"Our job now is to refine the things we were just learning when we put in these defense last year." Missouri went from three deep to four deep.

Scott Pickens (6-2, 220) leads a crew of experienced linebackers that includes senior Lynn Evans (6-1-,205), junior John Austin (6-2, 195) and sophomores Tom Hodge (6-2, 215), Mark Kirkpatrick (6-2, 217), Ron Ghrist (6-2, 216), Mike Fagin (6-1, 203) and Ward Billings (5-10, 185).

"Last year," said Onofrio, "we did a lot of things wrong on defense, but we did them with such reckless enthusiasm that they turned out well. We don't want to refine things to the point we lose that reckless quality."

Missouri's kicking game, with junior Jim Goble (37.9 average) to do the punting and sophomore Tim Gibbons to hit placements, soccer-style, should be adequate if Onofrio can find somebody to snap the ball.

Owens make the quarterback exchange okay but isn't at his best on kick snaps.

"We'll have somebody to snap on kicks. Don't worry about that," predicted Kadlec.

Even if he doesn't, Missouri's season should have more snap to it. After all, what other team guarantees a double header every Saturday? On a 60-yard football field?

And who knows? Onofrio may have long and short relief men in his bullpen —Pisarkiewicz to handle that long first 60 yards and Smith for the short haul into the goal line.

RAY BYBEE (31) explodes out of the arms of Mike Struck and carries the Tigers to a first down

BILL ZIEGLER
(6-3, 209 Sr)
Jornel Williams
(5-11, 191 So)

RAY BYBEE
(6-0, 197 Sr)
Tony Galbreath
(6-1, 227 Jr)

RAY SMITH
(6-2, 203 Sr)
Steve Pisarkiewicz
(6-3, 203 So)

RANDY GROSSART
(6-0, 178 Jr)
Steve Mally
(6-0, 202So)

DON MUSE
(6-2, 212 Sr)
CHARLEY DOUGLASS
(6-3, 218 Jr)

Joel Yearian
(6-3, 234 So)
Bruce Whitmer
(6-3, 241 So)

STEVE SADICH
(6-3, 220 Sr)
Ken Kells
(6-1, 232 So)

MIKE OWENS
(6-4, 235 Jr)
Larry McDevitt
(6-1, 238 So)

DON BUCK
(6-2, 208 Sr)
Tom Kowalczyk
(6-3, 237So)

Bob Carr
(6-4, 245 Jr)
D.W. Johnston
(6-4, 246 Jr)

MARK MILLER
(6-1, 170 Sr)
HENRY MARSHALL
(6-3, 206 Jr)

BOB KEENEY
(6-2, 210 Sr)
Dale Smith
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RAY MILLER
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Tom Hodge
(6-2, 215 So)

BRAD BROWN
(6-1, 181 Jr)
Rob Fitzgerald
(6"0, 185 So)

TONY GILLICK
(5-11, 176 Sr)
Mike Newman
15-11, 163 So)

KENNY DOWNING
(5-11, 184 Jr)
Brad Bushell
(6-0, 191 Jr)

Chuck Banta
(6-0, 185 So)
JOE GROSS
(6-2, 190 Sr)
STEVE YOUNT
(6-1, 185Sr)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

Sophs To Watch

Mizzou looks for "depth in inexperience" to build a strong offensive line that will compliment a solid backfield, and another salty defense.

By RICH SAMBOL *Kansas City Star*

FOOTBALL TEAMS AT MISSOURI have long been noted for a bruising defense and solid running game. So much that Al Onofrio, the Tiger coach, had this to say while watching a swirling snowstorm drape the practice field when the team was preparing for its Sun Bowl date with Auburn at the end of last season:

"We haven't had much opportunity to do any work on our long passing game," Onofrio grimmaced, "which some people might say we could cover in five minutes anytime."

But the quarterback situation is a little different in Columbia this season. The Tigers have Ray Smith, a junior college redshirt who rode the bench most of last year until starting the regular-season finale against Kansas and directing MU to a 34-17 conquest of Auburn in the bowl appearance, and Steve Pisarkiewicz, a sophomore redshirt who lacks for almost nothing except playing experience.

At this time last year Pisarkiewicz was being touted as the greatest passer to hit campus since the late Paul Christman unleashed his golden arm from the 1938 through 1940 seasons. But last year Pisarkiewicz and, for that matter, Smith didn't have a place to play, mainly because the Tigers opened with six straight victories. ' Onofrio is quick to say. "Both are complete quarterbacks. Ray, although more effective as a runner, can pass. And Steve, although he has a stronger arm, can run. I know they are both going to play. I have made that committment. Ray has proven himself under pressure. Steve has a lot of ability although he hasn't had a chance to play."

There's no doubt Pisarkiewicz (6-3, 203) is a cut above the average prospect. And Charlie McCullers, former Kansas aide now with Ole Miss (Missouri's season-opening opponent September 14), might have said it best: "I'm just speaking of what I consider talent, and Pisarkiewicz is a super talent. I'd heard he isn't much of a runner. I figured he was probably slow. But just watching him as a runner he's tough."

McCullers was making his observation on only what he had seen in the first half of the spring game. The third quarter started while he was talking, and as a result was interrupted by a roar from the crowd. Pisarkiewicz, who was passing the ball crisply despite playing with a hyperyard touchdown.

With the advent of the two quarterbacks, and otherwise solid backfield, once again a salty defense, it appears the weakest link in MU's cog is the offensive line. On paper, and discounting spring knee operations, the Tigers look good enough but as Onofrio said," "We have depth in inexperience."

Morris Towns, a big sophomore (6-4, 260) who was scheduled to pick up some of the slack at tackle, suffered a fractured wrist the day of spring practice and didn't get in any work. "Towns is hard to talk about," Onofrio said. "He's had no training on offense because he was a nose guard on the freshman team. Still we are going to keep him on offense. He's a dedicated athlete who has got real potential and has demonstrated he can learn."

Another tackle with promise is D.W. Johnston (6-4, 246), a junior college transfer from Grossmont in San Diego, California. "He started off at right tackle this spring, played it for four days and had a real good scrimmage," Onofrio said. -We moved him to the left side and he was injured. He came back but was injured again so all we know is that he has good potential."

"D.W. was a tight end in junior college so he moves well and has good size. His knee was operated on for cartllage so it wasn't too serious. We expect him to be back in there. I guess you could say he has got to be in the picture at tackle."

Others with possibilities: Offense— tailback, sophomores Jornel Williams (5-11, 191), Dean Leibson (6-1, 189) and Mike Hopkins (6-2, 211); slotback, sophomores Steve Mally (6-0, 227), junior college transfer from Centerville, Iowa; center, sophomore Larry McDevitt (6-1, 238); Defense—tackle-nose guard, Danny Smith (6-4, 265), junior college transfer from Fort Scott, Kansas; nose guard, Steve Meyer (6-2, 223), transfer from Grossmont Junior College; tackle, sophomore Randy Frisch (6-4, 247), who played last year with the varsity at nose guard; end, sophomore Dale Smith (6-2, 206); backs, sophomores Mike Newman (5-11, 163) and Rob Fitzgerald (6-0, 185) and redshirt Chuck Banta (6-0, 185.).

STEVE PISARKIEWICZ is a "super talent" at throwing strikes.

"Freshman Harvest"

Tigers recruit 28 "good ones," including some Blue Chip Beef

By BILL BECK *Sports-Post Dispatch*

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI football coaches were ready to admit after it was over that learning to deal with the NCAA's new 30 grant-in-aid limit was the key to the 1974 recruiting campaign. They think they learned and fetched a balanced bag but they still agreed with the grumbling elsewhere.

"You can never get 30, Pete Elliott of University of Miami complained. "Once you promise a prospect a grant, you have to hold it for him while he considers his options. If you look in the paper on letter-of-intent day and read he signed someplace else, you're stuck."

Clay Cooper, Missouri's assistant head coach who coordinates Tiger recruiting agreed with that.

"We wound up with 28," he said, "but we think they were 28 good ones. When you only lose two, you've done a pretty good job. In the years when we had 45 grants, we'd lose five or six. But Elliott's right. There is nothing you can do but wait."

"It does seem," he said, "it would have made more sense to cut us to 40 or 35 for the first year—give us until 1976, say, to get down to 30. This year, while we were waiting for answers to some offers we had made, some good kids who wanted to come to Missouri got worried and signed somewhere else."

The Tigers lost a quarterback from Joplin, Missouri, to Kansas and a fullback from Canoga Park, California to UCLA. The two scholarships left open will be reserved for walk-ons.

"What happened was," explained Cooper, "all our coaches had one or two prospects they thought we should sign. So what we did was explain to the prospects that if they wanted to come to Missouri on their own, they could compete for the two grants we have open next fall. About eight of them are going to do it.

"Well, you can't bank and you can't borrow, so I don't know how else we could have done it."

Blessed with bumper recruiting harvests in 1972 and 1973 the Tigers had not crying need in any one area.

"We got some interior linemen with good size and quickness, some outstanding running backs and five quarterbacks, because you always have to take several to be sure you've got a good one."

The "blue chippers" who opted for Missouri: Pete Allard, a 235-pound linebacker and offensive guard from St. Lawrence High in Chicago who was a prep All-America and captain of the Illinois All-State team. He shaded 5 seconds in the 40 and is extremely aggressive. Allard was sought by practically every major college in the nation.

Mark Stevenson, a 6-foot-5, 235-pound offensive guard from Rock Island, Illinois, who can pump the shot over 60 feet consistently, shades 5 seconds in the 40 and, said Cooper, "has exceptional technique for a high school athlete. He could play for us as a freshman."

Pete Woods, a 6-4, 210-pound quarterback from University City, Missouri, who was chosen St. Louis area high school player-of-the-year by one St. Louis newspaper, was also All-State. Woods, a standout in baseball as well as football, has been timed af 4.7 in the 40 and can throw the football 70 yards. He was a solid punter, completed 83 of 159 passes for 1400 yards and nine TDs and ran 547 yards for eight TDs.

"He's like Archie Manning," said Cooper. "He can bust out of there running and if the defense comes up, he can pass you to death."

Twenty-seven recruiters cooled their heels in Pete's parlor.

James Taylor, 6-5, 250-pound offensive tackle from Peoria, Illinois, Woodruff High, has great strength and quickness as dramatized by his third place finish in the Illinois high school wrestling championships. He is an excellent student and probably will mature as a well coordinated 270 pounder with 5.1 speed in the 40.

Lamont Downer, 6-3, 180-pound wide receiverdefensive back from University City High, Missouri, was All-Metro St. Louis both ways in catching 47 of Wood's passes for 713 yards. He has only 4.6 speed but was called by his coach, Glenn Mck McKinney, "the best football player I ever coached." Downer was listed among this magazine's Top 100 prep athletes in 1973.

Jeff Hilliar, 6-1, 190-pound running back from Webster Groves, Missouri, High, was all Metro as a junior when he gained 1046 yards in 108 attempts (9.7 average) and scored 22 TDs. He had gained more than 500 yards as a senior and his team was 5-0 when he suffered a broken foot. Webster Groves did not win another game. Hilliar broke the same bone again this spring in a baseball game. He has an athletic background, having won the Junior Olympic National title with the 8-pound shot as a moppet. Like Downer, Hilliar is a graduate of The Big Eight's Top 100. He has 4.5 speed.

Thomas McBride, 6-2, 215-pound fullback from Springfield, Illinois, has 9.9 speed in the 100 and had eye-popping statistics. Thomas is the younger brother of 1969 Missouri fullback, Ron McBride and Bake McBride, fleet centerfielder of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Randy Wepler, 6-5, 235-pound center from Liberty, Missouri High is another grad of The Big Eight's Top 100. He has 4.9 speed and is aggressive. He was All Mr. Everything, landing Kansas City All-Metro and Missouri All-State honors.

"We're going to bring the freshmen in early when we bring the varsity. In fact, they are going to be part of the varsity. If we find a freshman who can hold his own, we'll put him on the depth chart and see if he can take over."

The 30-grant limit probably did away with freshman football as such. While Mizzou could field a frosh team with 24 true freshman grant holders plus walk-ons, they know they will be facing junior varsity teams elsewhere. So the Tiger Cubs will become a mix of freshmen and squadmen, too.

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PURE VANILLA, OR RAZZLE-DAZZLE

With two quarterbacks like Ray Smith and Steve Pisarkiewicz, Ole Mizzou can go either way . . .

By **CHARLIE SMITH** *United Press International*

SMITH AND PISARKIEWICZ. Not a a vaudeville act, but Missouri's vaudevillians, they'll do some juggling—with a football.

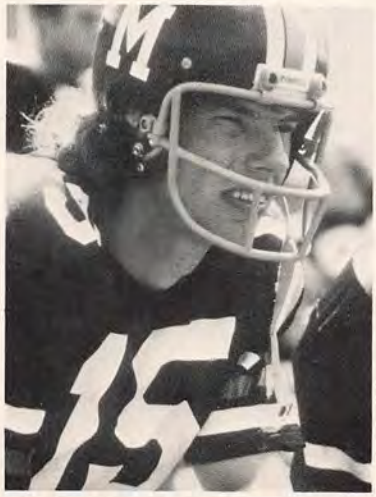
Senior Ray Smith, like his name might suggest, is a plain vanilla-type quarterback, albeit a good one. Sophomore Steve Pisarkiewicz, call "Zark" or "Steve P." by his friends, is just the opposite. He may be the best passer Missouri has recruited since the legendary Paul Christman.

And, while Smith is introspective, though maybe not to the point of being introverted, Zark is outgoing, perhaps to the extent of being cocky.

But, as far as Coach Al Onofrio is concerned, it's a happy combination, one that could carry the Tigers far in 74.

"Both complement each other very well," says Onofrio, entering his fourth year at the Missouri helm,. "Ray is the stronger runner, Steve the better passer. We know we're going to use both. Last year, with John Cherry and Ray, we had the same types of quarterbacks. Both were strong runners, with Ray maybe a little better passer.

"Don't misunderstand, Ray and Steve aren't going to divide time. They're not going to be in and out like yo-yos. Both had good spring practices, but we'll go with Ray as the starter.



STEVE PISARKIEWICZ, quarterback

Truth is, Onofrio could find himself sitting on the horns of a dilemma before the season is very old. Should Smith and/or the Tigers falter, there may be great pressure to go with Pisarkiewicz. And if Onofrio makes such a move, there seems little question that he'll have to alter Missouri's patient, stick-to-the-ground, run-first, throw-second type of offense.

That could go very much against Onofrio's grain. Even Zark can foresee such a circumstance. "In the past," says Steve, "Missouri hasn't had what you'd call a great passing attack. But I feel the coaches will go with the trend of the players they have."

That sort of bares his thoughts.

But Onofrio has others. As he says, "We'll never be a team that throws 35, 40 times a game, never. With the zone defense, even in college, if they know you're going to throw, they can defend against it very well."

On the other paw, Onofrio says he doesn't mind having a quarterback who is certain to want to put the football in the air."

"That doesn't bother me," he says. "I don't look at myself as a running coach. I look at myself as wanting a real fine running game and a real fine passing attack. What I want is a high-percentage passing game."

What Onofrio wants is the kind of attack Bob Devaney had at Nebraska in Jerry Tagge's hey-day—a balanced offense with a passing game that yielded a 60 percent completion average.

Of course, odds are good Missouri will be solid with Smith and Onofrio will be able to give Pisarkiewicz occasional game experience. In that case, both will play, though not equally, and Pisarkiewicz will go into his last two collegiate seasons with a modicum of experience.

That's the game plan.

Ray Smith was recruited out of Allan Hancock Junior College in Santa Maria, California, his hometown. In two years, he gained 713 yards rushing and scored 22 touchdowns.

Smith, a 6-2, 200-pounder went to Missouri the year after Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado finished 1-2-3 in the nation and the Big Eight conference had emerged as the premier football league.

"It looked like my best opportunity to play a big-time schedule," says Ray, who immediately was red-shirted. Last season Smith started behind Cherry and stayed there.

"I figured I had another year," says Ray. "The way things were going, I didn't figure to play. I thought if I got my chance, I'd just do my best."

With Missouri winning its first seven games, Smith's chances of playing grew more and more dim. But the Tigers and Cherry ran into problems. They lost to Colorado and Oklahoma, then were upset by Iowa State.

"During and after the Oklahoma game," says Onofrio, "we were hav-

RAY SMITH (14) under pressure from Dewey.

RAY SMITH (14) fakes to the fullback and then drops back to pass in the spring alumni game.

ing execution problems. A lot of that can be attributed to the Oklahoma defense. But after the Iowa State game, it looked like John had lost his confidence. I didn't want to do anything after the Oklahoma game, I hate to base anything on that. John was trying like heck, but he was having his problems."

The Iowa State loss gave Smith his chance.

"Coach Onofrio called me over Monday after the Iowa State game and told me I was starting against Kansas," recalls Smith. "It really surprised me. I was pretty nervous the rest of the week. And then, after I calmed down a little, I got pretty nervous again when we got to Kansas."

The day of the game arrived and Smith felt firstgame jitters. It's not the same, he found, when your teammates are counting on you.

"I was thinking about it," he says. "I tried not to get real, real nervous. I felt to do the best job, I had to remain cool. But inside, I was real tense."

Smith played well. He completed 6 of 13 passes for 61 yards and gained 58 yards on 7 rushes. It was his 45-yard run on a keeper that provided Missouri with it's first touchdown in the third quarter.

But All-America David Jaynes stole Smith's thunder, guiding Kansas to two last-quarter touchdowns and a 14-13 victory. Still, from Smith's standpoint, it was an encouraging performance.

It earned him the start against Auburn in the Sun Bowl. Again he played well, hitting 7 of 12 passes for two touchdowns and gaining 18 yards on 5 carries.

"I had said before the bowl game that both were going to play," says Onofrio. "After the game, I said I hated to see that happen to John. And I did. In the second quarter, I told him, 'It'll be just a little while, things are going pretty good. And John said, 'Coach, don't worry about it. We're winning and that's what's important.'"

Indeed, Missouri was winning. The Tigers poured across 28 points in the second period and rolled to an impressive 34-17 victory.

"I was more relaxed in that one," says Smith. "Once you get going, you forget about being nervous and concentrate on what you're doing."

Hence, steady and dependable Ray Smith will enter his senior season at Missouri with two solid performances behind him.

Steve Pisarkiewicz chose Missouri out of McCluer High in St. Louis. He toyed with Iowa State, Tulane and Rice before deciding to stay near home. He brought impressive credentials with him.

As a freshman, Zark hit 41 of 103 passes for 717 yards. He was red-shirted, like Smith was the year before, last season. But he understood.

"They told me at the beginning of the year what the situation was," says Steve. "I appreciated them taking the time to tell me. I compared it the same way as I had when I was a 10th grader. I sat on the bench then, too, but I was on the varsity. That's the way I interpreted last year. I'm a year older and physically a year more mature. I think it was very beneficial and if I had to do it again, I'd do it."

Pisarkiewicz is Polish. His father's father came over from Poland. And, yes, his name sometimes poses a problem.

"Sure, I get called all kinds of names," says the 6-3, 203-pounder. "Sometimes it really gets butchered up. There are always various interpretations on the first day of class. My high school coach used to joke that they used my name for spelling bees."

Pisarkiewicz doesn't lack confidence. He's certain h 'll prove his worth sooner or later. But he's taking his progress one step at a time.

"Right now," he says, "I'm competing with Ray for a starting job. I want to play first before I think about doing anything else."

Onofrio has awarded the starting job to Smith. At least, until he's proven wrong.

"I feel very confident about having Ray as our first unit quarterback," easy says Onofrio. "Steve demonstrated last year he has the potential to be a fine quarterback. He has one of the strongest arms we've seen."

"But Ray went into two pressure-packed games and did well. I can envision both quarterbacks playing a lot. But much depends on how effective each is."

Onofrio is certain of one thing. He doesn't want to be drawn into a controversy like he was his first year when he couldn't seem to make up his mind between Mike Farmer and Chuck Roper. That became a choice that interfered with the job at hand, like winning football games.

"To me, the thing that counts is who can do the job in a game," says Al. "Practice and scrimmage can be misleading in many different ways. Who is the best can take care of itself through competition."

And, no doubt, it will.

MISSOURI ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Austin, John	LB	6-2	195	Jr	Joplin, Mo
Banta, Chuck	MM	6-0	185	So	Springfield, Mo
Beckett, Ted	SE	6-1	190	Jr	Kansas City, Mo
Bennett, Paul	MM	5-10	180	So	Scarborough, Ont
Bentlage, Doug	OG	6-3	245	So	Union, Mo
Bess, Jim	MM	6-2	185	So	St. Louis, Mo
Billings, Ward	LB	5-10	185	So	Kennett, Mo
Blake, Pete	SB	6-0	188	So	Bridgeton, Mo
Blakeman, John	TE	6-1	213	Jr	Latham, Ill
Bohannon, Steve	SE	6-0	171	Jr	Thomasville, NC
Bohner, Earnie	NG	5-11	216	So	Springfield, Mo
Brickey, Steve	QB	5-11	196	So	Affton, Mo
Brown, Bard	DB	6-1	181	Jr	Mt. Vernon, Mo
Buck, Don	OG	6-2	208	Sr	San Diego, Ca
Burbridge, Oliver	LB	6-4	12	So	St. Louis, Mo
Burns, Darrell	LB	6-1	203	Jr	Kansas City, Mo
Bushell, Brad	DB	6-0	191	Jr	Lincoln, Ill
Bybee, Ray	FB	6-0	197	Sr	East Moline, Ill
Carr, Bob	OT	6-4	245	Jr	Kansas City, Mo
Carter, Bruce	S	6-4	189	So	Richmond Hts, Mo
Cole, Don	DE	6-4	210	So	Springfield, Mo
Collins, Bill	SE	6"2	193	So	Chicago, Ill
Cook, Rick	SB	6-0	197	Sr	Seneca, Mo
Cooper, Tom	NG	6-1	239	Jr	Litchfield, Ill
Culp, Bill	LB	6-3	214	So	Wood River, Ill
Davis, Annise	FB	5-10	205	So	Malden, Mo
Davis, Larry	DB	5-11	178	So	East Peoria, Ill
DeMent, Richard	SE	5-11	173	Jr	Crystal City, Mo
Demien, David	C	6-4	234	Jr	Wentzville, Mo
DeNike, Doug	S	6-3	180	So	Toronto, Ontario
Douglass, Charley	TE	6-3	218	Jr	Mountain Grove,Mo
Downing, Kenny	DB	5-11	184	Jr	Aurora, Mo
Doyle, Dan	OG	6-2	232	So	Decatur, Ill
Evans, Lynn	LB	6-0	205	Sr	Lynwood, Ca
Fagan, Mike	LB	6-1	203	So	Kansas City, Ks
Fitzgerald, Rob	DB	6-0	185	So	Springfield, Mo
Frank, Les	TE	6-3	219	Jr	Spring Valley,Ca
Frisch, Randy	DT	6-4	247	So	Kirkwood, Mo
Galbreath, Tony	FB	6-1	227	Jr	Centerville, Ia
Garavaglia, Tom	DE	6-0	209	Jr	St. Louis, Mo
Ghrist, Ron	LB	6 2	216	So	Pittsfield, Ill
Gibbons, Tim	QB	5-11	187	So	St. Louis, Mo
Gillick, Tony	S	5-11	176	Sr	St. Louis, Mo
Glosier, Ted	DE	6-1	215	Jr	St. Charles, Mo
Goble, Jim	QB	6-2	200	Jr	Pittsburg, Ks
Gokin, Bill	TB	6-0	194	So	St. Louis, Mo
Gourley, John	OG	6-3	241	So	St. Louis, Mo
Gross, John	MM	6-2	190	Sr	San Antonio, Tx
Grossart, Randy	SB	6-0	178	Jr	Chico, Ca
Henningsen, B.	DE	6-2	222	So	Richmond, Mo
Hertzog, Bob	C	6-0	226	So	Lee's Summit, Mo
Hodge, Tom	LB	6-2	215	So	East Gary, Ind
Hopkins, Myke	TB	6-2	211	So	Jefferson City,Mo
Hoskins, Chris	TB	6-0	205	Jr	Caruthersville,Mo
Johnson, Mark	DT	6-3	236	Sr	Hillsdale, Ill
Johnston, Dave	DE	6-3	236	Sr	Vinita, Ok
Johnston, D.W.	OT	6-4	246	Jr	El Cajon, Ca
Keeney, Bob	DE	6-2	210	Sr	Waynesville, Mo
Kells, Ken	OG	6-1	232	So	St. Louis, Mo
Kirkpatrick, Mark	LB	6-2	217	So	Wood River, Ill
Kowalczyk, Tom	OG	6-3	237	So	St. Louis, Mo
Kurka, Stan	OG	6-3	245	Jr	St. Louis, Mo
Lain, Rich	SE	6-2	195	So	Morton Grove, Ill
Leibson, Dean	TB	6-1	189	So	Corning, NY
Long, Paul	MM	6-0	186	So	Montreal, Quebec
Luecke, Carl	OG	6-3	219	So	Kirkwood, Mo
Mally, Steve	SB	6-0	202	So	Chicago, Ill
Marshall, Henry	SE	6-3	206	Jr	Salina, Ks
Marx, Bill	TB	6-0	192	Jr	Dallas, Tx
Matyas, George	MM	6-0	196	Jr	Hannibal, Mo
McDevitt, Larry	DT	6-1	238	So	St. Louis, Mo
McDonald, John	TE	6-3	203	So	Glendale, Mo
McRoberts, Bob	DE	6-1	210	Jr	Ladue, Mo
Meyer, Steve	NG	6-3	223	Jr	El Cajon, Ca
Meyers, Brian	C	6-3	205	So	Kansas City, Mo
Miller, Mark	SE	6-1	170	Sr	Mesa, Az
Miller, Ray	DT	6-4	225	Sr	Madison, Ill
Morrissey, Keith	C	6-4	212	So	Gallatin, Mo
Muse, Don	TE	6-2	212	Sr	Ballwin, Mo
Newman, Mike	SE	5-11	163	So	Columbia, Mo
Owens, Don	OT	6-4	241	Jr	Jackson, Miss
Owens, Mike	C	6-4	235	Jr	Jackson, Miss
Parrott, Jim	DT	6-3	216	Jr	Springfield, Mo
Phillips, Mark	S	5-11	185	So	Peoria, Ill
Pickens, Scott	LB	6-2	222	Sr	Peoria, Ill
Pisarkiewicz, S.	QB	6-3	203	So	Ferguson, Mo
Putnam, Mark	FB	6-0	203	So	Chillicothe, Mo
Sadich, Steve	OG	6-3	220	Sr	Columbia, Mo
Schermann, Paul	SB	6-0	183	So	Cape Girardeau,Mo
Seymour, Doug	FB	6-3	224	So	Toronto, Ontario
Shockley, Joe	DE	6-2	212	So	St. Louis, Mo
Smith, Dale	DE	6-2	206	So	Columbia, Mo
Smith, Ray	QB	6-2	203	Sr	Santa Maria, Ca
Towns, Morris	OT	6-4	264	So	St. Louis, Mo
Twellman, Gene	DE	6-2	205	So	Bowling Green, Mo
Vanarsdall, D.	DT	6-1	221	Sr	Buckner, Mo
Walker, Dan	TB	5-10	185	So	Bellevue, Neb
Watson, Packy	FB	6-0	201	So	Peoria, Ill
Wefelmeyer, Mik~	C	5-11	207	Jr	St. Louis, Mo
Whitmer, Bruce	OT	6-3	241	So	Liberty, Mo
Williams, Jornel	TB	5-11	191	So	St. Louis, Mo
Williams, Mike	DE	6-3	204	So	Bluff, Ill
Wilson, Walter	DB	5-11	170	Sr	St. Louis, Mo
Yearian, Joel	OT	6-3	234	So	Woodridge, Ill
Yount, Steve	MM	6-1	185	Sr	St. Louis, Mo
Ziegler, Bill	TB	6-3	209	Sr	St. Louis, Mo
Zimmerman, Dave	OT	6-2	242	So	Centralia, Ill

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LYNN EVANS
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BILL ZIEGLER
Bruising Running Back

DENNIS VANARSDALL
Fine Defensive Tackle

JOHN GOURLEY
Sophomore Stongman

TOM HODGE
Muscle at Linebacker

DON BUCK
Strong Offensive Guard

Tiger Sketches

BILL ZIEGLER ISN'T THE KIND OF GUY who grabs headlines. Oh, he's a decent runner and owner of a good pair of hands. But last season Ziegler, now a senior, didn't draw a lot of attention when it came to voting for all-conference teams. True, he didn't have the flashy statistics everyone looks for when it comes down to naming a dream team. But while statistics don't lie they don't tell the whole truth either. Ziegler, a slotback last season, has been sort of a lineman, in the sense a lineman's honor is a back's glory. His main responsibility was to block, and he carried out the duty with authority. However, if Al Onofrio's plans hold firm Ziegler will have the opportunity to make a name for himself. "I think he has made the adjustment to tailback," Onofrio says. "He plays well and he plays effectively. I think he is good and he is going to get better. Don't forget he played tailback as a freshman and averaged more than a 100 yards a game. In one game he got 175 yards against Iowa State." That's impressive, too....One of the candidates set on keeping Ziegler's move to tailback permanent is Randy Grossart, a junior whose father, Rex, was a former football aide at Kansas under Jack Mitchell.

To tell the truth: The Tigers have two Dave Johnston(s) on the squad. To solve the press box dilemma, the new Dave Johnston, a transfer from Grossmont (Calif.) Junior College, has been nicknamed D.W. in honor of his initials. The old Dave Johnston still answers to Dave. Both figure prominently in Tiger plans, D.W. at offensive tackle and Dave, a senior, at defensive tackle or end. To complicate matters, there's a Mark Johnson, a hard hitting senior defensive end. Nothing like Johnson and Johnston in on a tackle. Even money the ball carrier won't be thinking of baby shampoo. Maybe a band-aid, though.... There are two other transfers from Grossmont on the team— senior Don Buck, who is expected to be starting at guard, and Steve Meyer, who looks to be helpful at linebacke ....Tailbacks Chris Hoskins, a junior, and Mike Hopkins, a redshirt, are another pair with look-alike names. Then there's Don and Mike Owens, sons of Don Owens, Sr., former St. Louis Cardinal professional football lineman. Mike, a guard last year, is pegged as the No. 1 center while Don was running on the second unit offense as a tackle in the spring.

It had to be fate that split end Mark Miller and linebacker Lynn Evans wound up in a Tiger uniform. When Onofrio left Arizona State 16 years ago to come to M.U. as an assistant, he sold his house to a Miller family. Mark turned out to be the son of the people who bought the house. Evans' high school coach in Lynwood, Calif., took a golf course under Onofrio at Arizona State and steered Evans to Tigerland. Evans was born in Nevada, Mo....Kicking games are generally taken for granted by the fan in the stands but Onofrio doesn't—especially this year. "We've got to replace our whole kicking game," he says. "We lost our kicker (Greg Hill), our holder (John Cherry) and our center (Scott Anderson). We still have our punter, but we lost our snapper."

Scott Pickens was voted an outstanding lineman award in the spring game for the third straight year, this time as a defensive lineman. Last year he was the outstanding defensive back and the previous year the outstanding defensive lineman. All three times he was stationed at his familiar linebacker post. "I thought it was a gift because so many people did so well," Pickens says. "They just had to give it to somebody. The defense is further along this spring than it was last spring. I don't know if we'll keep improving, but we have the people who can do the job. One thing is for sure, we won't win with just the defense. The defense has had to do few things this spring, as is usually the case, but the offense is catching up with us." Pickens and Steve Sadich, an offensive tackle, have been named the co-captains for this season....With Ray Smith and Steve Pisarkiewicz calling signals this year the outlook is for Missouri to open up its offense a little. With that prospect in mind, here's what receiver Henry Marshall had to say: "Pisarkiewicz gets the ball to you a little quicker, but Smith has a nice firm touch."

Cowboys Will "Break the Bone" for Their Strong-Arm Signal-Caller

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and the team notebook on his own.

While OSU has verteran backs, the one most likely to be handing them the ball will be a mere sophomore. Heir apparent in Charlie Weatherbie (6-2, 195). He has limited, albeit successful, experience.

Only a few months out of Fort Scott, Kansas high school, Weatherbie saw action in OSU's opener against Texas Arlington last season. He capped his first series by pitching out to Thompson for a 20-yard touchdown. He started his second series with a long TD pass to Gant.

"I remember hearing the roar and looking up in the stands," said Weatherbie. "That orange hit me right in the face."

But most of the rest of the season he spent waiting and watching.

"Charlie is fluid but he has trouble making a decision on the option," said Stanley. "We're moderately pleased. His throwing ability is good, his ball handling good."

Weatherbie, 4.8 in the 40, may be as fast as the departed Blackman but doesn't possess the same kind of darting quickness. However, he does have a better throwing arm.

That may be one reason Oklahoma State was "breaking the bone" more in the spring. The Pokes experimented with slot, wingback and pro sets.

Of course, Weatherbie hasn't nailed the job. Jimmy Derrick and Hal Guttery are challenging. An incoming frosh, Scott Burk (6-2, 180), Denver, could edge into the picture.

With Weatherbie at the helm, the Pokes likely will lean more on passing. But, there seems to be a shortage of good receivers.

Nelms, who will be the flanker when OSU breaks its Wishbone, is a good receiver. So is Ricky Taylor (5-9, 172), the most likely split end. A couple of yearlings could challenge there. They are Gerald Bain (6-2, 175), Hollywood, Florida, and Ben Young (6-2, 190), Ponca City.

The tight end spot is the most troublesome on the team. The top two men graduated leaving Ron Boyer (6-3, 214), the only semi-experienced hand. And Boyer, who has some speed deficiencies, missed most of the spring drill because of a shoulder separation. Manning the spot was junior college transfer Craig Carter (6-2, 222). Dokes may solve this problem and then some.

The offensive line (How come that's always last?) appears moderately solid. Wolf, the left tackle, was out most of the spring with a pulled hamstring but coaches know what he can do.

"He's first class," said Stanley. "He doesn't have the speed we want and doesn't look pretty running but he gets the job done."

Mike Kennedy (6-4, 235) is another returning starter waylaid by injuries in the spring. He likely will be at the other tackle although sophomore Derrell Gofourth (6-2, 230) had a good spring.

Another promising tackle prospect, soph Bob Ringwall (6-2, 224) split spring time with track, where he threw the shot put over 57 feet. He felt like he could have broken 60 had he devoted full-time to shot putting.

"Yeah, and if he concentrated on football he could be anything he wanted to be," said line coach Don Boyce. "He probably has more raw ability than anybody in the line."

Stephens (6-3, 240) and Gene Ritz (6-1, 229) provide both experience and talent at the guard spots.

The Pokes are two deep at center with Gary Chlouber (6-2, 227) and Bruce Neph (6-2, 226).

"Chlouber was our most consistent grader last year," said Boyce. "He had one bad ball game and that was just after we moved him from guard to center after the end of two-a-days. That switch was the greatest thing that happened to us."

Spring practice was dedicated to fundamentals offensively with one thing in mind—to reduce fumbles. The Pokes bobbled away the ball a record 29 times.

"We're gonna cut that immediately," vowed Stanley. "We'll cut it even if we have to go to straight handoffs. I think we improved. I think our quarterbacks are getting more confidence."

And, over-all how does it look?

"Over-all, we're pleased," said Stanley. "We don't have the depth we had last year but they've worked harder and with more dedication than last year's bunch.

REGGIE PIERSON (29) prepares to decapitate the Sooners' "Little Joe."

ALFRED NELMS
(6-1, 180 Sr)
Terry Miller
(6-0, 188 Fr)

LEONARD THOMPSON
(6-0, 185 Sr)
FOUNTAIN SMITH
(5-8, 168 Sr)

GEORGE PALMER
(6-1, 208 Sr)
Robert Turner
(5-11, 189 So)

Charlie Weatherbie
(6-2, 185 So)
Jimmy Derrick
(6B2, 192 So)

Ron Boyer
(6-3, 214 Jr)
Phillip Dokes
(6-5, 250 So)

TOM WOLF
(6-5, 244 Sr)
Bob Ringwall
(6-4, 244 So)

Gene Ritz
(6-1, 229 Sr)
MIKE KENNEDY
(6-4, 235 Sr)

GARY CHLOUBER
(6-2, 227 Jr)
Mike Ritz
(6-0, 214 So)

S. L. STEPHENS
(6-3, 240 Sr)
Jim Ledford
(6-1, 231 So)

Derrel Gofourth
(6-2, 230 So)
Larry Harris
(6-5, 241 Jr)

Ricky Taylor
(5-9, 172 So)
Gerald Bain
(6"2, 175 Fr)
Ben Young
(6-2, 190 Fr)

Mike Allen
(6"2, 201 Jr)
Richard Allen
(6-2, 240 So)

Duck White
(6-5, 255 Jr)
Dan Lowe
(6-5, 220 So)

Carl Devorce
(6-1, 253 Sr)

Phillip Dokes
(6-5, 250 So)
CALVIN MILLER
(6-2, 225 Sr)

TONY BUCK
(6-0, 206 Sr)
Guy Dutton
(6-2, 220 Jr)

Brent Robinson
(6-0, 198 So)
Ray Ennis
(6-2, 210 Sr)
Rich Hallacker
(6-2, 220 Fr)

JESSE HUDSON
(6-2, 228 Sr)
Marcellons Mitchell
(6-0, 190 Sr)
John Weimer
(6-1, 234 So)

Reggie Pierson
(5-11, 178 Sr)
Bob Shepard
(5-11, 167 Sr)

MIKE TERRY
(5"11, 177 Sr)
Milton Kirven
(5-10, 164 So)

Kent Shirley
(6-1, 181 So)
Darnell Meyers
(6-2, 170 Jr)

Joe Avanzini
(6-2, 190 So)
Carl Stremme
(6-1, 180 So)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

Tom Wolf was rejected by 21 medical schools. Now the strapping OSU tackle will try to heal the Cowboy's offensive line.

THE DOCTOR GETS NO

FOOTBALL IS NOT the most important thing in Tom Wolf's life— a fact the Oklahoma State coaching staff is willing to accept and opposing linemen wish were more noticeable.

Playing offensive tackle for Oklahoma State ranked second among the things Wolf would like to do this fall.

First was attending medical school.

But Wolf's applications to 21 out-of-state medical schools were rejected, and his in-state application was deferred until a later date.

Wolf knew the odds were against him when he applied as a junior last winter. Few juniors are accepted into medical school.

"But I still think I would have had a chance if my admission test scores and standing would have been better."

Even though he knew the odds were against his gaining acceptance into medical school as a junior, Wolf was disappointed. "It kind of gets to you," he said. "I spent a lot of time and money on those applications."

But his disappointment probably won't show this fall. Wolf has been the Cowboys' top offensive lineman the past two seasons and is expected to be again this year.

And if football is not the most important thing in his life, it doesn't show when he's on the field. "I wouldn't say football is secondary to me," he said. "At different times of the year, you have different firsts."

"I usually take my easiest class loads in the fall. I still want to excel in class (he has accumulated a 3.73 grade point average on a 4-point scale), but I want to win, too. If it's a matter of winning a football game or flunking a test, I'd flunk the test. But you have to decide what's most important to you at the time. I might stay up late studying for a test and be dead tired for practice the next day, but it's something I have to do."

Wolf has attended summer school each year he has been at OSU and could graduate in December, one semester ahead of schedule. "Without summer school, I would have been almost a year behind by now," he said.

"Of course, without football, I probably could have graduated last spring. I guess there would have been a lot of personal pleasures I could have had without football. I could have finished school sooner, could have had more personal freedom, could have traveled more and could have taken some outside jobs.

"But I made a commitment to football. That commitment dictates what I do with my free time in the spring and fall. I have had very little time for weekend trips and all. It's the same thing as when you take a job. There are things you have to give up.

"But you don't make commitments regretfully. I enjoy football. If the day ever came when something else were more important, I wouldn't play football. But I'm very satisfied , very content."

"I'm disappointed that I'm not going to medical school, but I'm glad I'm going to be able to play football this fall. I have a lot of close friends on the team, and I really would have missed playing. The main reason I play football is for the fellowship. I'll be play-

TOM WOLF, shown against Oklahoma in 1973, will be hurling his 6-5, 224-pound frame against Big Eight foes this season.

CALLS

By **BOB HARTZELL** *Tulsa Tribune*

ing with people I've played with for three years, and I'm looking forward to it.''

The 6-5, 224-pound Wolf also is looking forward to proving a point.

''I came here a year after Brent Blackman (OSU's graduated quarterback) and his class, but we caught on to the idea of making Oklahoma State a winner,'' said Wolf.

''We weren't happy with last season's (5-4-2) record. It was a winning record, but only technically. It really didn't establish Oklahoma State as a winner. My class has one more chance to do that this season.''

''I think we can do it. We lost a lot of talented people (12 starters), but we have people back who played a lot last year.''

''Last year, we made too many crucial mistakes in games. We just blew games a few times. We set a school record for fumbles, and that didn't help.''

''In the Big Eight, every team is capable of winning. I feel our talent is as good as anyone's. It's just younger. Because it's younger, we'll be a lot more emotional. I think we'll be a lot more excited about playing football this season.''

''Over-all, I think the publicity got to us a little last season. We read where we were supposed to win and started thinking, 'Of course we'll win. We deserve it.' The only problem was that the other team didn't feel that way about us.''

''If the other team had read our press clippings, we probably would have been 8-3 last season. But the other teams didn't read that stuff. We did.''

Wolf doesn't think overconfidence will be a problem for the Cowboys this season.

''Anybody who picks us higher than fifth will have to be an OSU fan,'' he said. ''I think we will be higher. I think we'll be in the top echelon. But the sports writers can't pick us there. They can't say we'll come back with a lot of emotion, but I think we will.''

''We're going to be working for one goal—-to establish Oklahoma State as a winner, once and for all.''

Wolf sees nothing strange about the fact he enjoys life in the trenches as a little-publicized offensive lineman, or that he does not live and breathe football 12 months a year.

''Probably the strongest knit group is the offensive line,'' he said. ''On defense, everyone else on the line can mess up, but if one guy breaks through to tackle the ball carrier for a 10-yard loss, you don't notice it. On offense, if one lineman breaks down, you all look bad. With the teams I've been on (at OSU and McGuinness High School in Oklahoma City), the offensive linemen are always really close.''

As for young men's obsessions with the game, Wolf said, ''I guess some guys do live football for their first two years of college, and that's too bad. Most of them realize after about two years how much they have lost, and they wind up wanting to finish their schooling, but they have a hard time. By then, they usually have lost a year and it takes them five or six years to finish.''

Wolf is obsessed with football during the games. ''I could play 25 games a year, if I didn't have to practice,'' he said.

''I've never been able to get fired up for practice. I know it's a necessary part of the game, and I work hard at it. But mentally, it's hard to get excited about practice. I don't know anyone who likes it. I never have heard anyone say, 'Boy, I can't wait to go to practice.''

It's especially tough in the spring. It will be 85 degrees out there, and you'll see those honeys walk by the athletic dorm to sunbathe by the pool. And you have to go down there and put on 20 pounds of equipment and knock heads with someone.

Wolf's favorite time of the year—aside, perhaps, from football Saturdays during the fall—is summer school. ''I love that because my time is my own, and I don't have to live in the athletic dorm,'' he said. ''The dorm is ridiculous. It's fine when you're a freshman or a sophomore, but then you go to your friends' houses, and they live in nice townhouses, and it makes you feel bad. But the only way to get out of the dorm is to get married, and I don't even see that in the near future.''

Wolf also enjoys the summer because he takes time to travel. ''I love to travel,'' he said. My best friend Mike Burns is not an athlete. We've been going to school together since the eighth grade, and we usually manage a two-week trip during the summer, and another week during spring break.

''We've gone to the west coast and to Europe twice (England, Italy and the Greek Isles). But, with the price of gas now, we'll probably be limited to Oklahoma and Texas. We usually drive because we don't have enough time to hitch-hike. If I hadn't seen so many accident victims when I was working in hospitals, I would get a motor bike.''

It was during Wolf's first stint in hospital work, between his senior year in high school and freshman year at OSU, that he decided on a medical career.

''I worked for four months as an orderly,'' he said. ''I learned a lot and really felt I was helping the patients. That answered any doubts I might have had about what I wanted to do.''

Now Wolf's only doubts concern his eventual acceptance into medical school. ''I had never seriously considered pro football until the 21 rejections,'' he said, ''but now I see it as a possiblity, an alternative I might have if I don't get into medical school next year.

''But it's too individual and too abstract to worry about now. I would rather think about this season. I want to do something here. I want to see us established as winners.

''I'm very proud of the program and the type of athletes on this team. I'm not too concerned about past history . The present is all I can worry about and my friends and I are going to do the best we can to take care of the present.

''If Southern Cal or Notre Dame were to say, 'Come and play for us this season,' and if I knew they were going to win the national championship, I wouldn't leave here. I love this school, and I don't have any regrets about anything I've done here.'' 8

Sophs To Watch

Eight Cowboy sophomores were good enough to earn letters as freshmen. Now they're ready to shore-up graduation losses of three-year veterans.

By BOB HARTZELL *Tulsa Tribune*

IN OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL CIRCLES, it is generally conceded that Oklahoma State has not had a big recruiting year since the 1970 high school senior class of Brent Blackman, Reuben Gant and Barry Price helped the Cowboys to their first back-to-back winning seasons in 14 years.

But the Oklahoma State coaching staff, which went out of Oklahoma to add the likes of Cleveland Vann to that 1970 crop, does not believe how it fares against Big Eight champion Oklahoma in its home state tells the entire story of the recruiting wars.

The Cowboys have been going out of state to supplement their roster more and more during the past three years and believe the 1973 high schoolers they recruited will be good enough to compete in the Big Eight Conference.

The Pokes are staking their football lives on that theory this fall. At least five recruits from that 1973 class of high school seniors—three of them from out of state— are expected to start for Oklahoma State this season, with several others playing key roles.

The emergence of the sophomores is not surprising. Eight of them lettered last season as freshmen.

The key sophomore for OSU, of course, is quarterback Charlie Weatherbie, a Fort Scott, Kansas, product who will begin fall drills as the No. 1 signal caller.

Weatherbie spent his freshman season as the No. 2 quarterback for the Cowpokes and proved several points to the OSU coaching staff, the most important of which was the fact that he is a gutty competitor.

Weatherbie had little chance to prove much else. As understudy to three-year starter Blackman, he was used only when the Pokes were far ahead or far behind.

But he made his presence felt during the final four minutes of last year's season-ending 45-18 loss to Oklahoma. He drove the Cowboys to two touchdowns, moving the final 24 yards of the first drive and the entire 46 yards of the second against OU's proud No. 1 defensive unit.

Then Weatherbie announced, "That's the last time we're going to lose to those guys."

Weatherbie knocked star OU safety Durwood Keeton out of the game in a goal-line collision when he scored his first touchdown on an eight-yard run. But it wasn't known until much, much later that Weatherbie had suffered a cracked rib on the play.

"He didn't even tell the coaching staff until several weeks later," said OSU assistant head coach and quarterback coach Lee Snider, "because he didn't want the OU people to know they had hurt him."

Snider has high hopes for Weatherbie and his future as the leader of OSU's wishbone offense. But he also is cautious. "He's a sophomore, and he's going to make mistakes," said Snider. "We're going to have to accept that."

"There is no way he will ever play any better than he did the last four minutes against OU. He did everything right, and everything went right. But he will be a good quarterback. His running improved during the spring. He is not as quick ae Brent was, but he isn't slow. And, at 6-2 and 190 pounds, he is physically stronger than Brent was.

"And," Snider added with a smile, "he can throw the ball. We will have a passing attack this season."

Behind Weatherbie is another sophomore, Jimmy Derrick, a quicker runner but a weaker passer and one who does not yet have as much confidence as Weatherbie.

The Cowboys' best over-all football player also may be a sophomore. Arkansas native Phillip Dokes, a 6-foot-5, 250-pounder, impressed the OSU coaches as a freshman letterman. He impressed them even more with his speed, strength and sheer meanness last spring.

He will start at defensive tackle with another sophomore, 240-pound letterman Richard Allen, battling for another spot on the defensive line.

Sophomore safeties Joe Avanzini and Kent Shirley were so impressive in spring drills that two highly touted junior college transfers—Darnell Meyers and Bob Lundstrom— could not beat them out. Meyers impressed the coaching staff and will see extensive duty. Lundstrom did not have a good spring but stood out in the closing intrasquad game.

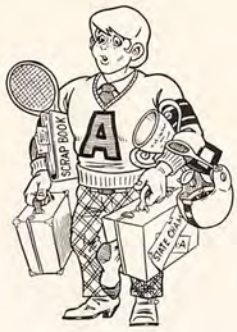
Tackle Dan Lowe, linebacker Joe Lee Minter, defensive back Carl Stremme and linebacker John Weimer also are promising OSU sophomores on defense.

Offensively, sophomore split end Ricky Taylor, a Carson, California native, is expected to be a starter. And tackles Bob Ringwall and Derrel Gofourth and fullback Robert Turner would start if they were not running behind impressive veterans.

Sophomore halfback Billy Jones also should see some duty. He emerged from spring drills as the Cowboys' top kick returner.

Add to that list sophomore place kicker Abby Daigle (OSU's scoring leader with 53 points last season) and letterman punter Cliff Parsley, and 1973 may yet come to be known as a blue-chip recruiting year for the Cowboys.

JIMMY DERRICK is a gifted wishbone operative.



"Freshman Harvest"

Oklahoma State snatched a running back from Colorado "WHO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN WINNING FIVE BALL GAMES AND WINNING ELEVEN—"

By SCOTT CHERRY *Tulsa World*

HE WAS A GOOD ENOUGH PROSPECT to keep Oklahoma State assistant Don Boyce close by for six straight weeks. It wasn't a lonely vigil for Boyce, however. He had plenty of company in the coaching fraternity. When the prospect was asked how many colleges were seeking his signature, he replied matter-of-factly, "How many are there?"

His name is Terry Miller, a magnificent looking halfback from Colorado Springs. He could run a 9.5 100 on a bed of nails. His 6-foot frame comfortably carries 180 pounds of pure power. He explodes. And, he just may be the finest high school football prospect ever signed by Oklahoma State.

Says Boyce, the prime force in persuading Miller to cast his lot with the Cowboys, "He's the kind of young man who can make a difference in winning five ball games and winning eleven. In our estimation, he may be the best running back available in the United States."

That's a lofty appraisal from Boyce, who, while an assistant at Oklahoma several years back, recruited such talents—real and potential—as A.G. Perryman, Dean Unruh, Tom Brahaney and Eddie Foster.

"He's the type of kid we're looking for," says Poke head coach Jim Stanley. "He has explosion and can run with quickness and speed." Miller's background bears out these qualities. In addition to gaining over 3,000 yards on the football field for Wasson High, he played on the basketball team and ran the sprint events in track. In the first meet of the season, he turned a 6.1 60 indoors.

Boyce, understandably is like any coach whose new job as offensive coordinator has suddenly acquired a bonus star attraction. "Miller has a lot of character. He's real intent, intelligent, mature and knows what he wants to do," Boyce enthuses. "He said he wanted to come to Oklahoma State because he feels that here, he can be the type of person he wants to be. Nothing artificial."

Miller reportedly eliminated such schools as Southern Cal, UCLA and Notre Dame early. He eventually whittled his way down to four Big Eight schools—Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska and OSU.

Boyce predicts, "Miller can make a big impact on our program. When you get one great ball player, it's easier to get another." While Miller was the most heralded recruit, the Pokes did land several blue-chippers including two from Miller's home state.

Robert James, from Colorado Springs Mitchell, is a 6-4, 225-pound end with 4.6 speed. Boyce says he "looks like another Reuben Gant." The other Coloradan is Scott Burk of Denver, considered an excellent running quarterback with 4.6 speed and good size at 6-2, 180.

The Cowboys, who went out of state for 18 of their 25 freshman recruits plus two junior college imports, signed three from Oklahoma who are considered to possess top-flight offensive credentials.

The most imposing speciman of the group is Ben Young of Ponca City, who generates 4.5 speed from his 6-2, 190 build. "He's about as good a receiving prospect that's been around this state in a long time." says Boyce. "He has good hands and makes a tall target. A wide receiver with that size and speed is awfully hard to defend.

Wes Hankins, a skittery 5-10, 170 back from Bristow with 9.8 speed in the 100, gave the Pokes a scare when a spring motorcycle accident sent him to the hospital for repairs. But OSU thinks he will recover in time to play as a freshman.

The sleeper among the Oklahomans may be 6-1, 210 Thad Palmer of El Reno and brother of Poke fullback George. "Thad can play a lot of places," relates Boyce. "We know he's a prospect at fullback, linebacker and defensive end. He's an all-around good athlete."

Another fullback hopeful is Willie Hicks, a 5-11, 195 pounder from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Other top prospects include Craig Simmons, 6-4, 230 tackle from Dallas; Gerald Bain, a highly sought 6-2, 175 split end from Hollywood, Florida, and Rich Hallacker, 6-3, 220 linebacker from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hallacker chose Oklahoma State after getting strong bids from such schools as Ohio State and Georgia. "Hallacker is a first class ball player," says Boyce. "He's the kind who might be able to help you right off."

Readily, one can see that this recruiting class is heavily weighted down with talent at the skill positions. The only disappointment the Pokes felt was not landing more of the the good, big down linemen.

"We did not get enough good linemen," admits Stanley, beginning his second year at the OSU helm. "But, I feel like we recruited people who will help out our needs. We had an awful good year in recruiting linemen last year, and in our opinion, these two classes will fit together well."

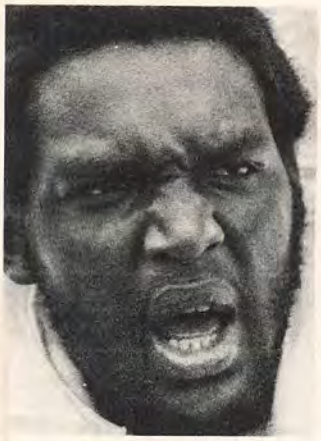
Boyce thinks the Cowboys signed "a lot better skill people than have been here in a long time, like receivers and running backs. Anytime you recruit people who can run fast and can play the skill spots you have a chance to win. And, although we did not get enough linemen, the ones we got are quality people."

"First, we looked for players with pure ability, then we went after those who fit our particular needs," added Stanley. "With our last two classes we have a lot of speed and balance. We feel we have recruited what we need to be a winning team."

For complete roster, see page 106.

OKLAHOMA STATE ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Abel, Marty	FB	6-2	199	Jr	Wichita, Ks
Allen, Mike	LB	6-2	201	Jr	Richardson, Tx
Allen, Richard	DT	6-2	240	So	Lawton, Ok
Ashton, Dennis	DT	6-5	235	So	Waynoka, Ok
Avanzini, Joe	DB	6-2	190	So	Coalgate, Ok
Blankenship, B.	TE	6-4	222	So	Tulsa, Ok
Boyer, John	DT	6-2	239	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Boyor, Ron	TE	6-3	214	Jr	Oklahoma City, Ok
Brown, Mike	OT	5-11	233	So	Tahlequah, Ok
Bryant, Eddie	SE	6-2	177	Jr	Alma, Ark
Buck, Tony	LB	6-0	206	Sr	Oklahoma City, Ok
Burns, Dan	TE	6-4	240	So	Hawthorne, Ca
Calvert, Joe	DB	5-9	186	So	Clovis, NM
Campbell, Jon	SE	6-0	156	Jr	Ada, Ok
Campbell, Sam	DB	6-0	181	So	Broken Arrow, Ok
Carter, Craig	TE	6-2	222	Jr	San Diego, Ca
Chlouber, Gary	C	6-2	227	Jr	Shawnee, Ok
Christman, Scott	QB	6-3	193	Sr	Ridgecrest, Ca
Christopolous, T	DB	6-0	190	So	Skokie, Ill
Cooper, Rick	SE	6-4	185	Jr	Oklahoma City, Ok
Daigle, Abby	K	6-0	167	So	Vidor, Tex
Davis, Britt	OT	6-5	205	So	Stillwater, Ok
Derrick, Jimmy	QB	6-2	192	So	Checotah, Ok
Devorce, Carl	DT	6-1	253	Sr	Colorado City, Tx
Dokes, Phillip	DE	6-5	250	So	N. Little Rock,Ak
Dutton, Guy	LB	6-2	220	Jr	Amarillo, Tx
Ennis, Ray	LB	6-2	210	Sr	Clinton, Ok
Flood, Randy	C	6-2	210	Sr	Okmulgee, Ok
Ganci, Bill	DT	6-2	210	Sr	Merced, Ca
Gofourth, Derrel	C	6-2	230	So	Parsons, Ks
Gravley, Kent	OG	5-10	201	So	Duncan, Ok
Guttery, Hal	QB	6-1	180	Jr	Midland, Tx
Harris, Larry	DE	6-5	241	Jr	Sherman, Tx
Hersman, Jake	LB	6-0	200	So	Argyle, Tx
Holmea, Leo	DB	5-10	190	So	Lawton, Ok
Hudson, Jesse	LB	6-2	228	Sr	Hominy, Ok
Imhoff, Danny	DB	5-11	180	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Jenkina, Larry	LB	6-2	207	Jr	Anadarko, Ok
Johnson, Doug	QB	5-10	165	So	Ponca City, Ok
Jones, Billy	HB	5-11	180	So	Clovis, NM
Kennedy, Mike	OG	6-4	235	Sr	Denver, Co
Kirven, Milton	FS	5-10	164	So	Ennis, Tx
Koch, Don	DE	6-3	190	Jr	Tulsa, Ok
Ledford, Jim	OG	6-1	237	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Liddall, Mike	HB	5-10	164	Sr	Norman, Ok
Lisle, Sam	SE	6-1	191	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Louis, Don	DE	6-4	226	Sr	Valley Mills, Tx
Lowe, Dan	DT	6-5	220	So	Bartlesville, Ok
Lundstrom, Bob	FS	6-2	184	Jr	Villa Park, Ca
Mangurlan, Pete	C	6-4	216	So	Encino, Ca
Meyers, Darnell	SS	6-2	170	Jr	Texas City, Tx
Miller, Bobby	HB	6-2	182	So	Edmond, Ok
Miller, Calvin	DT	6-2	225	Sr	Gulfport, Miss
Milligan, Pat	DT	6-4	196	So	Kansas City, Ks
Minter, Joe Lee	LB	6-0	235	So	Ft. Worth, Tx
Mitchell, M.	LB	6-0	190	Sr	Corsicana, Tx
Mitchell, Mike	RB	6-0	201	Jr	Oklahoma City, Ol
Moses, Sam	DE	6-4	195	Jr	Richardson, Tx
Muder, Mark	DT	6-5	250	So	Kansas City, Ks
Nalley, David	OT	6-6	276	So	Seminole, Ok
Nelm , Alfred	HB	6-1	180	Sr	Ft. Worth, Tx
Neph, Bruce	C	6-2	226	Jr	Stillwater, Ok
Netznlk, Jeff	DB	6-3	205	Jr	Skokie, Ill
Olsen, Greg	DB	6-0	175	So	Norman, Ok
Palmer, George	FB	6-1	208	Sr	El Reno, Ok
Parsley, Cliff	P	6-1	200	So	Grandview, Mo
Perelli, Mark	OT	6-5	272	So	New Haven, Conn
Pierson, Reggie	DB	5-11	178	Sr	Compton, Ca
Ringwall, Bob	OT	6-4	244	So	Carteret, NJ
Ritz, Gene	OT	6-1	229	Sr	Oklahoma City, Ok
Ritz, Mike	C	6-0	214	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Rivers, Richard	HB	6-0	191	Sr	Kingfisher, Ok
Roberts, Allen	DT	6-0	210	So	Miami, Ok
Robinson, Brent	LB	6-0	198	Jr	Dallas, Tx
Rusher, Tim	LB	6-2	219	So	Holdenville, Ok
She hard, Bob	DB	5-11	167	Sr	Oklahoma City, Ok
Shirley, Kent	DB	6-1	181	So	Pauls Valley, Ok
Smith, Fountain	RB	5-8	168	Sr	Midland, Tx
Spencer, Ron	SE	5-11	180	Jr	Tulsa, Ok
Stephens, S.L.	OG	6-3	240	Sr	Gulfport, Miss
Stone, Monte	OT	6-3	220	Jr	WichitaFalls, Tx
Stremme, Carl	DB	6-1	180	So	Tulsa, Ok
Taylor, Mike	LB	6-2	215	So	Norman, Ok
Taylor, Ricky	SE	5-9	172	So	Carson, Ca
Teel, Denny	C	6-0	224	Sr	Phoeniz, Az
Terry, Mike	DB	5-11	177	Sr	Lindsay, Ok
Thompson, L.	HB	6-0	185	Sr	Tucson, Az
Towe, David	OT	6-3	240	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Turner, Robert	RB	5-11	189	So	Wynnewood, Ok
Ware, Vernon	FB	6-2	208	So	Okmulgee, Ok
Weatherbie, C.	QB	6-2	185	So	Ft. Scott, Ks
Weimer, John	LB	6-1	234	So	Whittier, Ca
Wesley, Russell	SE	5-10	165	So	Overland, Pk, Ks
White, James	DE	6-5	255	Jr	Hot Springs, Ark
Wolf, Tom	OT	6-5	244	Sr	Oklahoma City, Ok
Wright, Randy	K	6-0	180	So	Wynnewood, Ok



PHILLIP DOKES
All-American Material

GARY CHLOUBER
Real Savvy at Center

CHARLIE WEATHERBIE
Key Face at Quarterback

LEONARD THOMPSON
Star-Spangled Halfback

S.L. STEPHENS
Stellar Offensive Guard

GEORGE PALMER
A Bruising Battering-Ram

JESSE HUDSON
Head-Hunting Linebacker

JAMES WHITE
Rugged Defensive Tackle

Cowboy Sketches

THE COACHING STAFF AT GULFPORT, Mississippi, Junior College tagged defensive tackle Calvin Miller with the nickname Killer Miller, and the Oklahoma State coaching staff picked it up after seeing Miller perform for the Pokes last season. But it wasn't always that way. Miller had never tried football until his family moved to Biloxi, Miss., when he was a high school sophomore. His older brother talked him into trying out for the team, but during his first practice, the brother busted Calvin's lip in a drill and Calvin quit the team. He returned, however . . . Miller and offensive guard S.L. (Deacon) Stephens both are former Gulfport Juco performers and both are licensed Baptist ministers. But Stephens, who plans to become a minister after finishing at OSU, says his nickname has nothing to do with his chosen profession. In high school, Stephens wore the same number (79) as his idol, Los Angoles Rams defensive end David (Deacon) Jones and picked up Jones' nickname . . .

If fullback George Palmer were rich, he would be called eccentric. Palmer says he used to put on his football uniform at home (in El Reno) on week nights, walk out the front door and practice his blocking and ball carrying against the nearest street light post. He also likes to be called George the Bull "because my eyes turn blood red during battle." Palmer took off on two more kicks last spring to prepare himself for his senior season. He went on a diet to lose 9 pounds, from 214 to 205. The diet included such "light" lunches as two steaks, two eggs and two glasses of Kool-Aid. Palmer also spent three weeks, training under track coach Ralph Tate and said he had lowered his 100-yard dash speed to 9.8. "I'll have to see that to believe it," said head coach Jim Stanley. "Last season, he was running 10.8. But I do know he has improved his speed." . . .

Offensive tackle Tom Wolf, a pre-med student, does not like spring practice. He managed to escape all of the drills last spring with a pulled hamstring muscle. "Yeah," said one of Wolf's teammates, "He got to the section on muscles in one of his medical books and found out that a pulled hamstring is one of the toughest injuries for a doctor to determine if it is healed." Said Wolf with a smile, "It's also one of the toughest to fake." . . . Wolf decided on the medical profession partly because of his stepfather, Thomas Nix, who is a doctor in Oklahoma City . . .

New York Jets defensive lineman John Little, who helps coach the Cowboys during the spring, is a valuable—even though part-time—member of the OSU coaching staff. In addition to his help on the field during the spring, the former Cowboy star also helps with recruiting. A Little Rock, Arkansas, resident, Little recruited defensive lineman Phil Dokes of Little Rock and James (Duck) White of Hot Springs, Arkansas— two of the Pokes' top players. The OSU coaching staff rated Dokes as the "best football player on the squad" last spring— White, by the way, received his nickname at a young age, because his little brother thought James' mouth resembled a duck's . . .

Wide receiver Ricky Taylor spent part of the spring working at halfback, and opponents will have to be wary of the pass if Taylor runs the halfback option to either eide of the field. He is ambidextrous...Defensive back Mike Terry signed at Oklahoma State three years ago, partly because it was the only school he visited. The Lindsay, Oklahoma, native also had planned to visit Arkansas but a snowstorm wiped out those plans. So the Pokes gained a standout cornerback with the help of the Oklahoma weather. Offensive halfback Leonard Thompson is the only boy in his family. He has seven sisters. "Have you ever tried to fight seven girls at once?" he asks. "That was what made me so quick." . . .

'I'd Put Our Linebackers Up Against any in the Country Including Shoate.'

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the right tackle spot left vacant by the departure of All-American John Dutton, is up for grabs.

Juniors John Lee, 258 pounds, and Willie Thornton, 220, will open fall drills even at middle guard. "Lee had a good spring, but he's got to show more yet," said Kiffin. "Thornton was hurt most of the spring."

"You can't play our defense with an average middle guard. We've just never had one that wasn't darn good, one that wasn't capable of challenging for All-Big Eight. If we don't find a good one, we won't change our defense. We'll just have to make up for it in other places."

That would put an extra burden on returning starter Ron Pruitt at left tackle and the other tackle that will be drawn from among juniors George Mills and Dean Gissler and sophomores Mike Fultz and Stan Waldemore. "After we decide, we'll take the second or third guy and move him over behind Pruitt," Kiffin said.

The leading defensive ends after spring drills were senior Tom Pate and Junior Bob Martin, who shared the right side last year. Pate was shifted.

"The three top linebackers—Nelson, Tom Ruud, and John Starkebaum—are real good, but we lack depth behind them," Kiffin said. "I'd put our linebackers up against any in the country, and that includes (All-Big Eight Rod Shoate of Oklahoma)."

The secondary, which led the nation in pass defense last year, lost three of four regulars.

"Some people thought we would be weak back there, but we aren't," Kiffin said. "The kids in the secondary really came along in the spring."

"To play a sound defense, you've got to have a good secondary first. You get beat back there, that's six points. We figure we've got three starters back."

"George Kyros, Mark Heydorff and Wonder Monds have all started for us, and Ardell Johnson has a lot of experience. They are going to keep our secondary together."

Seniors Kyros and Heydorff battled through the spring for the safety spot, and Heydorff, who wrested the monster back job from Monds last year, also worked as a backup to Monds in the spring.

"The cornerbacks are a tossup," Kiffin said. "Ardell has the most experience, but four of them are good. Jimmy Burrow (a junior from Amory, Mississippi) was the most pleasant surprise, and Chuck Jones (a junior from Beatrice, Nebraska) and Dave Butterfield (Colorado soph) have a lot of physical ability."

After his second spring training session, Osborne said he didn't feel "a whole lot different than I did a year ago. Possibly, the offense is a little sounder, and defensively, we're about where we were last year."

"But there's really no basis for comparison. Two years ago we had trouble making a first down in the spring game, and we went out in the fall and averaged 42 or 43 points a game. We had a good offense and didn't know it. We were going against maybe the best defense in the country."

Osborne, his assistants and the Cornhuskers will start finding out how good they are September 14, when Oregon visits Lincoln.

In the meantime, Humm has forsaken his usual summer return home to Las Vegas to stay in Lincoln and continue his efforts to "become a complete quarterback."

He is finding incentive in the fact that "we haven't won a championship since I've been the quarterback. The pressure is something that is making me work harder than ever."

"I want to go out a winner."

Reminded that consecutive 9-2-1 records are not losing seasons, Humm replied:

"That's not good enough in Nebraska.

TONY DAVIS (25) bulls through the Jayhawks for a crucial first-down.

Jeff Moran
(6-1, 203 Sr)
John O'Leary
(6-1, 210 Jr)
Dave Gillespie
(6-0, 190 So)

TONY DAVIS
(5-11, 214 Jr)
Gary Higgs
(6-2, 210 So)

DAVID HUMM
(6-2, 181 Sr)
Earl Everett
(6-0, 187 So)
Terry Luck
(6-3, 212 Jr)

RITCH BAHE
(5-11, 189 Sr)
Don Westbrook
(5-10, 188 Sr)

Larry Mushinskie
(6-2, 216 Jr)
Brad Jenkins
(6-2, 205 So)

MARVIN CRENSHAW
(6-6, 236 Sr)
Steve Hoins
(6-4, 241 So)

Stan Hegener
(6-4, 233 Sr)
Nick Zanetich
(6-0, 215 So)

RIK BONNESS
(6-3, 210 Jr)
Rich Duda
(6-3, 225 Sr)

TOM ALWARD
(6-4, 241 Sr)
Chd Leonardi
(6-0, 211 Sr)

Mark Doak
(6-4, 257 Sr)
Dennis Pavelka
(6-3, 261 Jr)

Dave Shamblin
(6"3, 190 Jr)
Bobby Thomas
(5-8, 151 So)

Tom Pate
(6-3, 221 Sr)
Mike Offner
(6-2, 213 Jr)

RON PRUITT
(6-3, 241 Jr)
Dean Gissler
(6-8, 250 Jr)

Willie Thornton
(6-12, 235 Jr)
John Lee
(6-2, 252 Jr)

Stan Waldemore
(6-9, 236 So)
George Mills
(6-5, 217 Jr)
Mike Fultz
(6-4, 225 So)

BOB MARTIN
(6-0, 224 Sr)
Dave Redding
(6-2, 215 Jr)

BOB NELSON
(6-4, 229 Jr)
John Starkebaum
(6-2, 213 Sr)

TOM RUUD
(6-3, 224 Sr)
Percy Eichelberger
(5-11, 201 So)

Ardell Johnson
(5-10, 179 Sr)
Jim Burrow
(6-0, 165 Jr)

George Kyros
(5-9, 180 Sr)
MARK HEYDORFF
(6-2, 187 Sr)

Dave Butterfield
(5-10, 180 So)
Chuck Jones
(5-11, 180 Jr)

Wonder Monds
(6-2, 200 Sr)
Terry Rogers
(5-11, 192 Sr)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

Sophs To Watch

In need of backs, the Huskers look upon the return of hard-running fullback Garry Higgs as a bonus. . . "best running back prospect two years ago," Osborne says.

By TOM ASH *Omaha World-Herald*

SHORTLY AFTER NEBRASKA'S 1973 football season the Cornhusker coaching staff sat down to assess their immediate needs for 1974. They figured they most needed help at running back, middle guard, defensive end and defensive back.

They weren't counting on much varsity help from the freshman recruits, considered as good a group of prospects as Nebraska has had. Nebraska still prefers that its freshmen absorb the Husker system during a frosh orientation season.

Junior College transfers provided the other alternative for shoring up weaknesses quickly. Nebraska has had good success in the past with limited recruiting of J.C. students.

"We usually take three or four junior college transfers," Head Coach Tom Osborne explained. "But we took only two this year. That reflects the decrease in scholarships (from 45 to 30 a year)."

Next on the list was Ray Phillips, a defensive end from Detroit who attended Marshalltown, Iowa J.C. He signed and showed in spring practice that he intends on following the junior college transfers' tradition of excellence at NU. He finished spring drills as second string left end.

The only other Nebraska junior college transfer was defensive back Jake Cabell from Ferrum, Virginia, J.C. But unlike most transfers who switch in January to get the benefit of spring drills, Cabell will not report until fall camp.

He wanted to graduate from junior college first," recruiting coordinator Rick Duval said. "And he was so impressive we decided to take him in the fall. He's really a good-looking guy and has the credentials." Cabell is 6-foot-3, 196 pounds and runs the 40 in :04.5.

Outside of the 27 freshman recruits, Nebraska will have two other newcomers this fall who earned scholarships in previous years.

Larry Cooley, a 230-pound linebacker, from Monroe, Michigan, was recruited as a 1973 freshman but was unable to report after he received serious facial injuries when he was attacked by a dog. He enrolled the second semester and played spring ball.

The other fullback Gary Higgs of Toledo, was one of the brightest prospects on the 1972 freshman team. He was the first frosh to be given a chance to make the varsity.

Higgs missed the 1973 season because of illness but came back to have an outstanding spring, including 16 carries for 54 yards in the spring game.

"Gary Higgs is a bonus," Osborne said. "We thought the guy was the best running back prospect on the freshman team two years ago." That team included John O'Leary, regarded now as the top I-back on the Husker team.

The 1973 freshman team will surely help fill the gaps left by the graduation of 19 seniors, but "I don't think anybody will step right in and start like (center Rik) Bonness and (defensive tackle Ron) Pruitt," said freshman coach Jim Ross.

Last year's freshman crop "was about on a par with the teams we've had the last few years—probably a little better defensively," Ross said. The young Huskers had a 4-1 record, losing by two points at Missouri and winning the initial encounter against Oklahoma in Norman.

"I still think the varsity has experience, but some of the freshmen will help," Ross said. Mike Fultz probably has the best chance of starting. They (varsity coaches) are looking for a defensive tackle."

Fultz, a 6-4, 255-pounder, "has the size and speed," Ross said. "As a freshman he is about compared with Ron Pruitt, John Dutton and Monte Johnson. Rich Glover is probably the strongest lineman we've ever had, but Fultz isn't far behind."

Of the 1973 freshmen Waldemore, quarterback Earl Everett and split end Bobby Thomas were on the varsity roster last year and are expected to contribute heavily this season.

Everett, who has the experience of two spring practices since he enrolled in January, will open fall camp among the top challengers for Dave Humm's starting job.

Thomas, who was tried as a wingback last year, is strictly a wide receiver this time around because "he wasn't as good in tight, and he can't beat out Ritch Bahe," Osborne said. The Pennsylvania scooter closed spring drills sharing the top receiver spot with Dave Shamblin and is a cinch to draw raves with his kick return antics.

Other sophomores who are expected to bid for starting assignments this fall are I-backs Dave Gillespie and Jack Kelley, who shared the No. 2 spot in the spring; cornerback Kent Smith, second string in the spring; middle guards Jim Wightman and Joe Collura and defensive end Reg Gast.

EARL EVERETT throws the bomb.

"Freshman Harvest"

Touted quarterback Tommy Sorley will be in charge of a fleet of the fastest backs in years.

By TOM ASH *World-Herald*

A SHORT STORY TO ILLUSTRATE the competitive nature of Tommy Sorley, Nebraska's freshman quarterback this fall.

The youngster from Big Spring, Texas, turned down the chance to assume the freshman quarterback role uncontested. He invited one of the most highly-sought prep players in the country to come to Lincoln and go head-to-head with him for the job.

Nebraska's coaches decided they would take only one freshman quarterback because of the depth on the varsity at that position. The entire staff was involved in picking the lone candidate, viewing films and reviewing credentials.

Some supported Sorley, a 6-2, 200 pounder who passed for over 2,000 yards and 21 touchdowns last year and operated an option series much like Nebraska's. Others opted for Jeff Knapple from Boulder, Colorado, who had attracted perhaps more attention.

It was decided the Cornhuskers would award the scholarship to the player first to sign a Big Eight letter of intent.

Knapple, whose grandparents are Nebraska alumni, was given first choice. He hedged. Sorley signed eagerly.

With the quarterback picture settled, the Husker staff turned to other areas in need. The telephone rang. It was Knapple. He was ready to sign.

That development caused a bit of a dilemma. Sorley had been told the job was his, but Knapple was too good an athlete to let him get away, perhaps to another conference school where he would be around to haunt N.U. for four years.

So a call was hurriedly placed to Sorley, who was placed in the unique position of deciding whether or not he wanted competition.

"Sure, bring him in," Tommy drawled. "But tell him he'd better be ready."

Knapple signed the Big 8 letter, but cast his lot with UCLA later. Sorley's only challengers will be walkons.

"Sorley is a straight A student," said Rick Duval, the Cornhusker recruiting coordinator. "Both his parents are school teachers, and his father is an ex-coach.

He started throwing as soon as football was over, and he's been throwing every since."

Sorley will be in charge of more speed than Nebraska has collected in years, perhaps ever. The recruiting emphasis was on "more team speed and more people at the skilled positions," Head Coach Tom Osborne said.

"We needed running backs, and we appear to be stronger at that position than in past years."

Of the 27 freshman recruits, 13 are running backs. Some, of course, will be shifted to defensive back, flanker, and split end, but the heavy competition for the I-back post should produce a back capable of helping the varsity this year, the Husker coaches hope.

The main burner on the team is Mike Thompson of Omaha Holy Name, who is a :09.5 sprinter. He is more the wingback type at 5-10 and 167 pounds.

Most of the other backfield candidates have size to go with their speed. "Ideally, we'd like to have speed and power," Osborne said. "We've had the power the last few years but not enough speed."

Byron Stewart of Owenhill, Maryland, appears to have the desired blend. He is 6-1, 190 and runs the 100 in :09.7.

Jeff Lee of Racine, Wisconsin, is 6-3, 180 with :04.4 speed in the 40. Other top 40-yard times among the Husker recruits are :04.5 for Kim Mix, a 6-2, 210-pounder stolen from under Woody Hayes' nose in Columbus, Ohio; :04.5 for Curtis Craig, Iowa's top schoolboy ball-carrier; and :04.6 for Jeff Hansen, 6-2, 190 from Sacramento, Calif

The top speed for the 40 among linemen are: :04.7 for Steve Lindquist, 6-6, 215-pounder tackle from Minneapolis; :04.9 for Bill Barnett, 6-5, 235 pound guard from Afton, Minnesota. and :05.0 for John Kroneberger, 6-5, 235 from Salina, Kansas and Bob Galano, 6-3, 245 from Stockton, California.

"Generally, it was a very good recruiting year," Osborne said. "We were more selective than in the past. We signed 30 players (including two junior college transfers and a 1973 recruit who was unable to report because of an injury) March 6 when most teams had trouble signing their quota."

The only players Nebraska lost, Osborne said, were Knapple and linebacker Keith Autry, of Louisville, Kentucky, who went to Tennessee.

As usual, Nebraska made a clean sweep of the talent it wanted in its own state. Eleven scholarships were offered to Nebraska prep stars, and 11 signatures were obtained.

Monty Anthony, a 6-3, 200-pound running back linebacker was perhaps the top prize in Nebraska. He was heavily recruited and, at one point, was reportedly headed for Iowa State.

Landing Davenport Central ace Craig was a major recruitlng coup. Southern California and Notre Dame as well as Iowa and Iowa State were after him.

The Class AAAA all-stater led Central to the state championship by gaining 246 yards on 40 carries in the title game.

Iowa is the exception to Nebraska's new philosophy of concentrating its recruiting on non-Big Eight areas.

Colorado was also an exception this year, with Knapple and end Robert Link of Boulder among Duval's targets. He was taking advantage of contacts made when he was on the Colorado staff two years ago and also "because of the problems Colorado is having changing staffs."

The Husker staff also landed one Kansan, Salina's Kroneberger, without expending much effort. Kroneberger's high school coach has Nebraska ties and steered him to Lincoln.

" Duval said, "I think we had a good recruiting year. Everybody on the staff did a whale of a job."

For complete roster, see page 106.

Color Him Mr. Cool... With a Thoroughbred Future

David Humm won't set any rushing records in '74, but he'll keep defenses honest for a change

By CONDE SARGENT *World-Herald*

THE IMAGE of a college quarterback varies with the type of offense.

Take your common ordinary wishbone quarterback. He's going to have a square jaw, freckles on his nose. He'll play poker—likely draw to an inside straight. He'll have a lot of scrapes and bruises on his elbows and a torn jersey.

Color him Mr. Hustle.

Now the I-formation or pass pro quarterback presents an entirely different picture. He's a slick dude, more a knight in shining armor. He'll play chess. He has been known to wear white shoes and sometimes he never gets scraped for the duration of fall camp.

Color him Mr. Cool.

Enter David Humm, Nebraska's knight in a left-hander's armor.

He wants the Big Eight Conference defenders assured Nebraska has more than one jersey No. 12. Tear, jersey, tear.

He's going to run; not just from pass rushers. He's going to run from the line of scrimmage. He'll keep the option. He'll run a draw. He'll roll out. He'll scramble.

His role, from the way Nebraska closed spring practice, will be a combination of Mr. Hustle and Mr. Cool.

In his first two years as Nebraska's quarterback, he seldom ran due to circumstances apparently more than having what it takes to make yards with a pigskin tucked under an arm.

As a soph, he collected a sore elbow from a collision. It was bothersome. Nebraska elected not to involve him unnecessarily because of it.

Then he started 1973 with a sore knee. Running and sore knees generally do not make for longevity.

Don't get the idea Humm is being ordered to run.

He loves the idea, and averaged about six yards on his running plays during Nebraska's spring scrimmages.

"Nobody likes to be categorized," Humm said. "I know everybody seems to think of me as a passer and of Earl (Everett, a No. 2 quarterback hopeful) as a runner.

"Earl doesn't like that any more than I do. He was more of a passer in high school (in Kansas City). I know I ran a lot when I was in high school."

On the other hand, don't get the idea Humm's lefthanded passes, regarded as surefire professional football stuff, NFL, WFL or whatever are being phased out of Nebraska's offense.

You don't make a runner totally out of someone who has thrown for 3,785 yards and 30 touchdowns in two seasons of play.

Not coincidental, of course, is that Nebraska won 17 games, lost only four, tied one and won 1973 Orange Bowl game and 1974 Cotton Bowl games during the same span.

Humm has wiped out records belonging to premiere Big Eight quarterbacks such as Lynn Dickey, Jerry Tagge and David Jaynes.

Name the categories and he's either broken the record or soon will. He has completed more passes in one game (25) than any other Nebraska quarterback. He made the most yards on passes in one game (297) and one season (2,259) than anyone. He passed for three touchdowns in one game and 18 in one season, also records.

Fifty-four per cent of his 262 passes were completed. Twenty-eight were intercepted.

Sports Information Director Don Bryant's statisticians are prepared for a game-by-game countdown on the record book. Humm is "easily in reach of the remaining career records in his senior year," the Fat Fox contends proudly.

All-American and/or Heisman talk go hand in hand with this sort of performance, particularly if Humm is successful at running.

"Nebraska has not won a Big Eight title since I started playing," Humm said. "I don't want to leave here without being a part of that. It just wouldn't feel right. Records are nice but nothing matters as much as team success."

Humm has "exceptional passing ability", according to Head Coach Tom Osborne, the Husker's quarterback-receivers coach prior to replacing Bob Devaney as the head man. "If we're afraid he's all we have, we will be more reluctant to have him run. We can't decide that until we get there. Our plans are to have him run more."

"He has tremendous concentration on pass patterns. He'll stand in there with people breathing right down his neck and still throw the ball with competency down field. He was almost too good at concentration his first year. He did it to the point of almost never sensing that anybody was going to hit him. And he fumbled several times because of it. He's improved on that. He protects the ball real well back there.

"Another valuable asset is that he has experienced two years of varsity football for us and he's been around our offense for four years."

The Husker offense is regarded somewhat complicated by others' standards. Certainly, the Nebraska coaches expect it to be recorded as an exact science.

Humm has been around it long enough that, on occasion, he conducts the daily quarterback sessions when Osborne gets tied up for some reason.

The quarterbacks can almost guess what questions Osborne will ask when he gives them their weekly quiz in advance of a game.

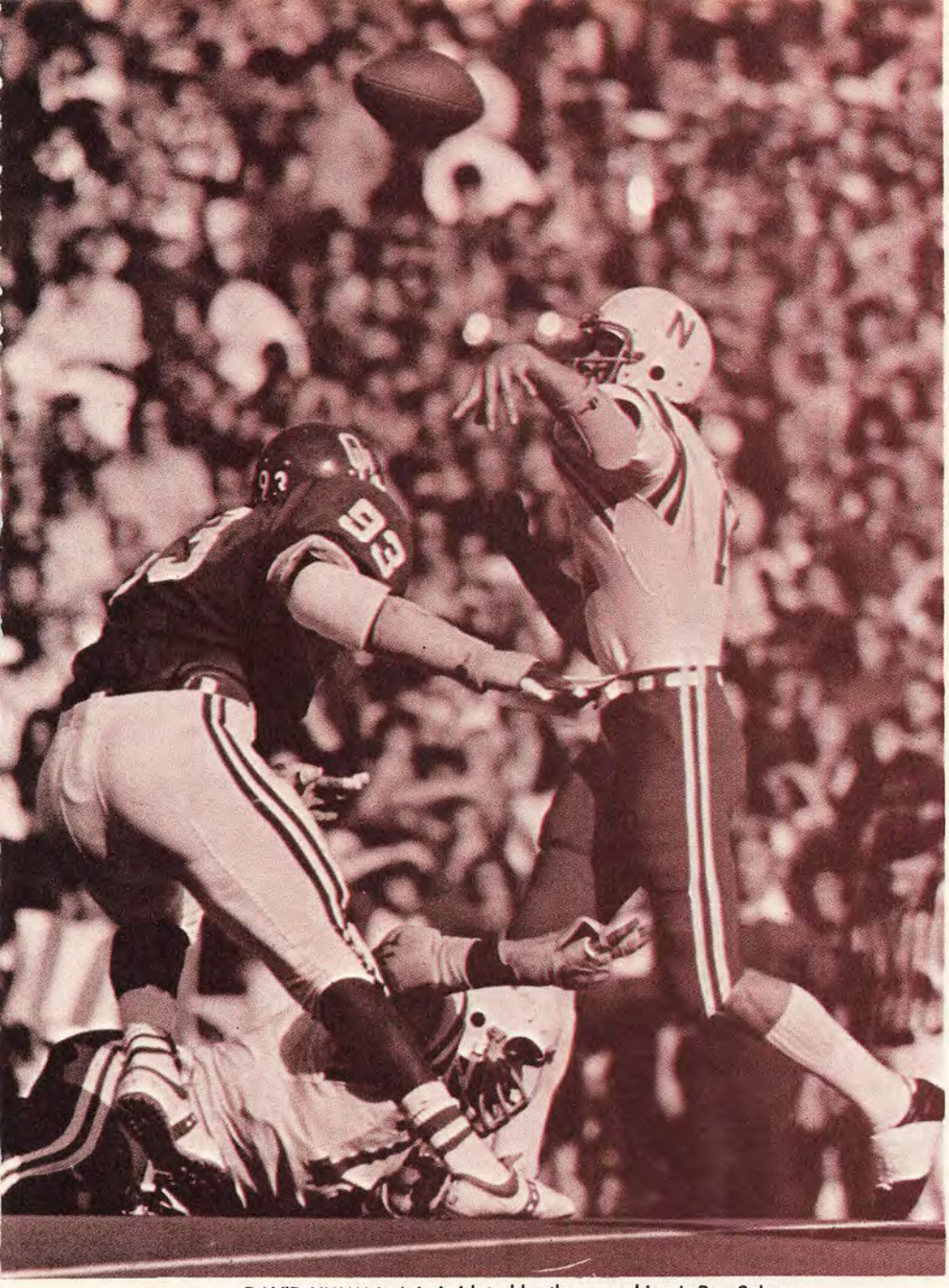
"We go over these things all the time," Osborne said. "About 90 percent of the time, they'll see (in a game) what we on the sidelines hope they'll see."

The side of Humm known least is his away from football life.

He has no goals to become BMOC.

In fact, for a guy constantly in the football limelight, he is surprisingly out of character as a student.

His best friend is split end Chuck



DAVID HUMM isn't intimidated by the on-rushing LeRoy Selmon.

Malito, a speedy but slightly built athlete from Lakewood, Colorado and his other close friends, for the most part, are nonathletes.

In other words, Humm cools it off the field.

"That's one of the great aspects of the Nebraska program," he said. "They don't make us live in an athletic dormitory. We don't have to live together, eat together and play together. We can go our own way away from football."

Humm was not aware, back when Nebraska, everybody else and his brother were sending recruiters and celebrities to hometown Las Vegas with grant in aid offers, that this would be a quality in a school he'd come to cherish.

In fact, it was surprising to some that a young man from the bright lights city of Las Vegas would be the type to curl up on the couch with a book.

"Las Vegas is not the same for the people who live there," Humm said. "All you (tourists) see are the casinos. I got to know some of that because my dad (Claire) works there. (He's at Caesar's Palace.) Most of the kids growing up there rarely see that part of Las Vegas."

Humm says he couldn't resist trying to picture what life would have been like at Alabama, one of his pursuers, when Nebraska played the Tide (and thumped the Bear, 38-6) in the 1972 Orange Bowl game.

"I came very close to going there," he said. "I really did."

He had plenty of time to daydream in those days. That was his redshirt season when he practiced every day but spent games chewing gum like crazy on the bench.

Devaney purposely held Humm out of action with senior quarterbacks Jerry Tagge and Van Brownson handling the offense.

It was just as well, as Humm recalls. "I wasn't ready," he said. "Jerry and Van were seniors. They were experienced. There was no way I could run the offense as good as they did."

Then came his turn. Nebraska lost the first game he started at quarterback, 20-17 to UCLA, ending the Husker's 32-game string without a defeat.

He was eight for 21 passing for 146 yards. He lost 20 yards trying to pass.

Things were to get better.

With Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers the principal target Humm passed for more yards than any previous Big Eight sophomore. Nebraska won 9 games, lost 2 and tied one in the end of the Devaney era.

Humm ushered in the Osborne era with a 9-2-1 mark.

He knew both men, therefore he was the perfect athlete to help pull a prank on Osborne in his rookie head coach season.

The players goaded their lean, still athletic coach into taking a turn with the receivers during a receiver vs. defender session.

Osborne accepted the challenge, took his stance and took off on a stipulated route. Humm's pass came, perhaps a tad high, and defender Randy Borg ate Osborne's lunch. Osborne sprawled. The ball was batted away. Osborne never really had a chance.

Along came Humm, with some wry humor, and said, "Coach Devaney would have caught it."

Humm has been in demand for grade school classroom chitchats since arriving ballyhoed on the Lincoln campus.

He does not try to be a Herb Shriner. He doesn't give pep talks either. Mostly, he has to answer questions. He sees a trend.

Why did you throw that interception? Why didn't you complete that pass on third down? Why did you fumble? Why didn't you beat Oklahoma?

Six months from now, Humm hopes to be facing such questions as "why did you reverse your field after gaining 40 yards on that option play?" and "how did you beat Oklahoma?"

His senior season is dedicated to those goals.

NEBRASKA ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Alward, Tom	OG	6-4	241	Sr	Flint, Mi
Bahe, Ritch	WB	5-11	189	Sr	Fremont, Ne
Belka, Jim	FB	6-2	180	So	Prairie Vill.,Ks
Block, King	LB	5-11	200	So	Ames, Ia.
Bonness, Rick	OC	6-3	210	Jr	Bellevue, Ne
Borg, Tim	DB	6-1	190	So	Alliance, Ne
Brock, Dan	DT	6-2	211	So	Columbus, Ne
Burns, Burton	FB	5-10	227	So	New Orleans, La
Burns, Ed	QB	6-2	207	So	Omaha, Ne
Burrow, Jim	DB	6-0	165	Jr	Armory, Ms
Butterfield, D	DB	5-10	180	So	Greeley, Co
Carpenter, Jeff	LB	6-0	202	So	Council Bluff,Ia
Clark, Dennis	DT	6-5	224	So	Lincoln, Ne
Clark, Mike	OT	6-4	225	So	Phoenix, Az
Coccia, Tom	UE	6-2	192	Jr	Hillside, NJ
Collura, Joe	MG	6-2	210	So	Lincoln, Ne
Costanzo, Rich	OT	6-5	247	Jr	Jersey City,NJ
Coyle, Mike	K	5-11	167	Jr	Omaha, Ne
Crenshaw, Mavin	OT	6-6	236	Sr	Toledo, Ohio
Davis, Tom	OC	6-1	248	So	Omaha, Ne
Davis, Tony	IB	5-11	214	Jr	Tecumaeh, Ne
Dervin, Joe	LB	6-0	200	So	Omaha, Ne
Doak, Mark	OT	6-4	257	Sr	Whittier, Ca
Duda, Rich	OC	6-3	225	Sr	Westchester, Il
Eichelberger, P.	LB	5-11	201	So	Louisville, Ms
Eveland, Al	K	6-2	231	So	Ames, Ne
Everett, Earl	QB	6-0	187	So	Kansas City, Mo
Folsom, Bob	WB	6-0	190	So	Lincoln, Ne
Fultz, Mike	DT	6-4	255	So	Lincoln, Ne
Garcia, Randy	QB	6-2	175	So	Los Angeles, Ca
Gast, Reg	DE	6-2	200	So	Lincoln, Ne
Gillespie, Dave	IB	6-0	190	So	Saratoga, Ca
Gissler, Dean	DT	6-8	250	Jr	Central City, Ne
Hayes, Bob	OT	6-4	260	So	Bakersfield, Ca
Hegener, Stan	OG	6-4	233	Sr	Lincoln, Ne
Heiser, Tom	WB	5-10	175	Sr	Columbus, NE
Hertenstein, S.	DT	6-3	215	So	West Covina, Ca
Heydorff, Mark	DB	6-2	187	Sr	La Crescenta, Ca
Higgs, Gary	FB	6-2	210	So	Toledo, Ohio
Hoins, Steve	OT	6-4	241	So	Bellevue, Ne
Homola, Ken	TE	6-2	182	So	Indianapolis, In
Humm, Dave	QB	6-2	181	Sr	Las Vegas, Ne
Jenkins, Brad	TE	6-2	205	So	Ft. Collins, Co
Johnson, Ardell	DB	5-10	179	Sr	Chillicothe, Mo
Johnson, Jeff	DT	6-2	241	So	Lincoln, Ne
Jones, Chuck	DB	5-11	180	Jr	Beatrice, Ne
Jorgensen, Greg	OG	6-1	221	So	Minden, Ne
Justice, Jason	FB	6-2	220	So	La Marque, Tx
Kelley, Jack	IB	5-11	184	So	Omaha, Ne
Kraft, Bill	DB	6-2	183	So	Oelwein, Ia
Kucera, Lindsay	FB	6-1	195	So	North Bend, Ne
Kyros, George	DB	5-9	180	Sr	Grand Island, Ne
Lackovic, Tim	SE	6-1	194	Sr	Omaha, Ne
Lee, John	MG	6-2	252	Jr	Red Bank, NJ
Lemmerond, Rick	OB	6-3	189	So	Green Bay Wi
Leonardo, Chad	OG	6-0	211	Sr	Canonsberg, Pa
Lessman, Randy	DE	6-3	227	So	Sioux City, Ia
Lingenfelter, Bob	OT	6-7	285	So	Plainview, Ne
Luck, Terry	QB	6-3	212	Jr	Fayetteville, NC
Malito, Chuck	SE	6-2	155	So	Lakewood, Co
Markus, Steve	OG	6-0	212	So	Kearney, Ne
Markley, Paul	DB	6-0	165	So	Ord, Ne
Martin, Bob	DE	6-0	210	Jr	David City, Ne
Maske, Bruce	TE	6-1	220	So	Lincoln, Ne
Mazon, Frank	DB	5-10	174	Jr	Anaheim, Ca
McGuire, Tim	OG	6-1	243	Jr	Omaha, Ne
McWhorter, Mike	WB	5-8	166	So	Omaha, Ne
Miller, Dan	OG	6-2	)28	So	Hebron, Ne
Mills, George	DT	6-5	217	Jr	Omaha, Ne
Monds, Wonder	DB	6-2	200	Sr	Ft. Pierce, Fl
Moran, Jeff	IB	6-1	203	Sr	Huron, SD
Mushinskie, Larry	TE	6-2	216	Jr	Temple City, Ca
Nelson, Bob	LB	6-4	229	Jr	Stillwater, Mn
Nitzel, Ron	SE	6-2	180	Jr	Grand Island, Ne
Offner, Mike	DE	6-2	213	Jr	Red Cloud, Ne
O'Leary, John	IB	6-1	210	Jr	Port Wash., NY
Pate, Tom	DE	6-3	221	Sr	Omaha, Ne
Pavelka, Dennis	OT	6-3	261	Jr	Hastings, Ne
Peterson, Matt	TE	6-3	203	Jr	Cedar Rapids, Mi
Phillips, Ray	DE	6-5	210	Jr	Detroit, Mi
Pillen, Cletus	LB	6-0	207	So	Monroe, Ne
Plucknett, John	DT	5-11	212	So	Beatrice, Ne
Pruitt, Ron	DT	6-3	241	Jr	Compton, Ca
Pullen, Jeff	MG	5-11	205	So	Central City, Ne
Ray, Glen	QB	6-4	210	Sp	Midland, Tx
Redding, Dave	DE	6-2	215	Jr	North Platte, Ne
Reilly, Tim	OG	6-1	252	Jr	Long Beach, Ca
Rogers, Terry	DB	5-11	192	Sr	Columbus, Ne
Rutan, Bob	DE	6-1	215	Jr	Blue Springs, Ne
Ruud, Tom	LB	6-3	224	Sr	Bloomington,Mn
Samuel, Tony	DE	6-2	208	So	Jersey City, NJ
Schmidt, Dan	OG	6-1	222	So	North Platte, Ne
Schneider, Jeff	DB	5-10	191	Jr	Lincoln, Ne
Senkbeil, Rocky	DB	6-9	192	So	Grand Ieland, Ne
Shamblin, Dave	SE	6-3	190	Jr	La Verne, Ca
Smith, Kent	DB	6-1	195	So	Th'f Rvr Fls, Mn
Spaeth, Ken	TE	6-4	210	So	Mahoman, Mn
Stacey, Kurt	DB	6-3	182	So	Lincoln, Ne
Starkebaum, John	LB	6-2	213	Sr	Haxtun, Co
Stovall, Rod	DB	5-11	170	So	Bellevue, Ne
Stuberg, Wayne	OC	6-2	215	So	Omaha, Ne
Talley, Chester	IB	6-0	189	So	Denver, Co
Tangeman, Steve	TE	6-4	220	So	Omaha, Ne
Thomas, Bobby	WB	5-8	151	So	Bridgeport, Pa
Thomas, Tom	OC	6-1	238	Jr	Culver City, Ca
Thornton, Willie	MG	6-2	235	Jr	Amory, Ms
Valasek, Larry	DB	5-9	147	So	Silver Creek, Ne
Waldemore, Stan	DT	6-9	236	So	Belleville, NJ
Westbrook, Don	WB	5-10	188	Sr	Cheyenne, Wy
Wied, Jerry	DT	6-1	228	Jr	Wausalkee, Wi
Wieser, Steve	DE	5-11	208	Sr	Columbue, Ne
Wightman, Jim	DE	6-3	225	So	Omaha, Ne
Young, Larry	DB	6-0	195	So	Jersey City, NJ
Young, Vic	OG	6-1	225	So	Louisville, Ms
Zabrocki, Dale	WB	5-9	158	So	Bellevue, Ne

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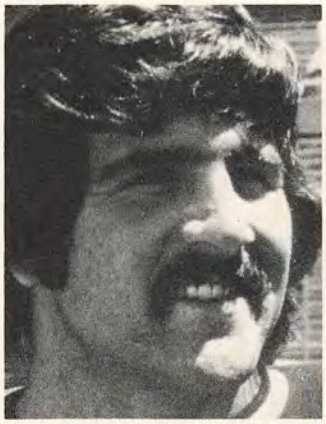
RITCH BAHE
Dangerous Flanker



BOB NELSON
A Thumping Linebacker

JOHN O'LEARY
A Versatile Tailback

TONY DAVIS
A Tenacious Fullback

WONDER MONDS
A Stellar Defensive Back

Cornhusker Sketches

TONY IS A NICKNAME for Nebraska's fullback. Michael E. Davis is his mightful title....He says Rik Bonness, Nebraska's center was mostly responsible for an unsettled middle guard situation throughout spring practice. "We didn't have a middle guard who could handle Bonness," Davis said. "He made them all look bad when they had to take him on." Bonness, the quiet junior is a worrisome sort. He probably lost sleep over whether Nebraska would win its intrasquad games . . . Split end Chuck Malito, quarterback David Humm's closest campus pal, performed double duty on All-Sports Day back in May. He caught one pass for 22 yards in his split end stint at the Red-White football game then suited up for the first time in track and ran :09.8 and :22.1 for second place dash finishes in a dual meet. . . .Offensive tackle Marvin Crenshaw, 6-6 and 236 pounds, requires size 16 shoes. He's a senior and a three year starter so next year's replacement will have big shoes to fill. Maybe it will be soph Bob Lingenfolter and his size, 15 . . . Crenshaw was tapped for the Innocents Society, an organization of campus leaders.

A couple of recruits boast Cornhusker heritage. Halfback Budge Porter, from Nebraska City, aims to be a third generation football player. His grandfather and father both lettered for Nebraska. Linebacker Bill Mockett from Los Angeles, is the great-grandson of Nebraska's first football captain, E.E. Mockett. The first team was put together in 1892. Center Rich Duda's dad, Charles Duda, played on Nebraska's 1941 Rose Bowl team. Guess who asked to be assigned the No. 19 uniform worn three years by defensive back Randy Borg? His brother, Tim, a sophomore defensive back.. .Tom Osborne is the 25th Cornhusker head coach . . .Don Westbrook's attitude on competition at wingback with Ritch Bahe, a last year's starter, is admirable: "I don't want to take his place. We can both help the team. Ritch is better at pass receiving. I think I am a better runner. Wingbacks do a lot of running. We could help the team by taking turns. We'd both be fresh." Odds are good they may carry in whatever plays Osborne orders from the sidelines. . . .

Defensive end Bob Martin, a second year starter, was Nebraska high school athlete of the year in 1972 . . . . Nebraska fans are almost ape over expectations that sophomore Bobby Thomas will be another Johnny Rodgers. Does that put any pressure on Thomas: "I like it. He's a great player to take after, to keep your own stuff up. I don't feel like I have to be him. I just want to be myself and get some of the same results." . . . . Roommates and linebacking pals Bob Nelson and Tom Ruud drew praise from defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin: "I'd put our linebackers up against any in the country and that includes Shoate of Oklahoma." On another subject, Kiffin also makes a good point. "Teamwork," he said, "is still as important today as it was 50 years ago." . . . . Linebacker King Blocks' father, a King of an older generation, once coached at Iowa State . . . . Middle guard rookie John Plucknett's brother Ben throws the shot and discus for Missouri . . . .

Monster back Monds, on Oklahoma's talented Joe Washington: "If he gets loose, he'll run a lot of weight off you before you bring him down." Monds and cornerback Ardell Johnson have reached :04.3 in 40-yard dash work . . . .

The Strength of the Cat's Defense Lies in its Linebackers and Secondary

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just look at the pros, and that's all they recruit. A little guy can't rush the pass because when you have offensive linemen like the size of 'em we had here when we were a real good passing team... you can't get the little guys past 'em.

"Shine can be a good pass rusher, though."

Hitch, however, smiles when asked if maybe this group of 'Cat-quick, fast defenders might be more adapted to a defensing Big Eight rivals, most of whom have leaned heavily toward option-type attacks.

"Yeah, that's right," he agrees. "Like Chandler. He can play the quarterback and take the pitch, too, because he's got the ability. He's just so quick and so fast; he can make the quarterback pitch and then outrun the pitch and get to it. We just haven't had guys who can do that."

Then Hitch puts it on the line as far as the Wildcat defensive prospects are concerned:

"If we don't get anybody hurt, and get our young kids to come around with confidence, we can be a good defensive football team before the year is over.

"I believe we'll be physical enough, with a lot of speed, and I believe we have some ability. We didn't have much ability last year.

"We've got some problems, but I think we can get some of 'em worked out.

"If our offense can move the ball a little bit and let us rest,...look at last year. We won five (games). We could have won at K.U....we could have won at Oklahoma State...could have won at Florida.

"We could have won eight games. But we didn't. Two or three big drives killed us. Like at Oklahoma State, we're down, 14-9, and had 'em backed up and they go 88 yards. We just couldn't stop 'em. Several of those situations in there, if we had jumped in there and been a little tougher, a little stronger, a little fresher, we could have won some of those. We had trouble getting adjusted offensively, and we fumbled a lot."

CARL PENNINGTON (55) denies Washington the end zone.

The strength of the 'Cat defensive corps lies in linebackers and secondary.

Again, they're young but Gibson says: "We're certain to be better. It's just that we have a lot of good athletes in this sophomore class and they are going to help us immediately.

Bryant and Pennington played as freshmen. Lareau, now a senior, was the most valuable defensive player in spring ball. Letterman Denny Gragg, a 6-2, 224-pound junior, is back at linebacker after a trial at defensive end. Freshmen Tom Price and Gary Spani could add instant depth.

Les Chaves, who blocked a punt in the victory over Colorado, has come on to claim the monster job and responded by being the most improved defensive player in spring ball. Behind him are sophs Dennis Frazee and Marvin Switzer.

When Chaves, a senior, came through, it freed Rocky Osborn, a junior letterman, to move to cornerback. At the strong side corner is Paul Smith, a 2-year veteran and still only a junior. Sophomore Henry Lige, who actually pressured Smith during spring ball, will be the backup, while Ron Solt, 2-year vet, will operate behind Osborn.

Gordon Chambliss, who led the 'Cats in interceptions (4) and tackles (83), will prowl at safety and will join Grogan and Chaves as co-captains. Jim Lembright, a junior letterman, can play corner or safety, and sophomore John Andrews shows promise as a safetyman.

The 'Cat specialty game will be in better shape because Wade and Harris possess the most speed on returns since Mack Herron and Henry Hawthorne departed several years ago.

Keith Brumley, whose field goal beat Colorado and gave the 'Cats their first victory in a final conference game since 1968, has been graduated, but sophomores Jim Cooper and Bill Sinovic show promise, and for insurance Gibson recruited David Sheves, an All-American punter-placement performer from Northeastern (Okla.) A. and M. Junior College.

Gibson came away from spring practice, capped by a 41-0 conquest of a good Alumni team, feeling good about the Wildcats' situation.

"We had more pleasant surprises than we did disappointments," he noted. "There's no doubt that we have better young people than we've ever had. Don't be surprised to see a couple of good freshmen playing for us, too."

The 'Cats are coming off a 2-5 league performance. They should be able to improve on it despite their youth and the fact that league rivals appear to be better than in '73.

What appears to be a big factor in K-State's favor is its schedule.

Seven foes must venture into Purple-shrouded K.S.U. Stadium. Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma State and Colorado will be invading league foes.

A non-conference slate of home games against Tulsa, Wichita State and University of Pacific, and a trip to Mississippi State, should give the young 'Cats something on which to sharpen their claws for the Big Eight chase.

No predictions from 'Ole Vince, though. It's a quietness that exudes confidence.

Dave Specht
(5-11, 195 Sr)
Carlos Whitfield
(5-11, 172 So)

Regan Steiner
(6-2, 208 Jr)
Roscoe Scobey
(5-9, 193 So)

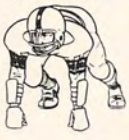
STEVE GROGAN
(6-4, 198 Sr)
Tom Merrifield
(6-0, 180 So)
Art Bailey
(5-11, 174 Fr)

John Tuttle
(6-1, 186 Sr)
Art Harris
(6-2, 190 Jr)

Tom Winchell
(6-2, 210 Jr)
Billy Dixon
(6-2, 205 So)

David Hernandez
(6-2, 249 Sr)
Axel Hedberg
(6-5, 238 Sr)

Mark Zier
(6-5, 232 Jr)
Dave Cary
(6-4, 215 So)



Tim Wasemiller
(6-2, 240 Jr)
Mike Roberts
(682, 230 Jr)

BOB BRANDT
(6-2, 241 Sr)
Kent Brown
(6-2, 243 So)

Pat Clerihan
(6-4, 236 Sr)
Gary Freeman
(6-3, 251 Sr)
Bill Crosby
(6-3, 240 Sr)

BUD PETERSON
(6-3, 178 Sr)
Alonzo Wade
(5-11, 153 Jr)

Perry Viers
(6B2, 202 So)
Kim Thomas
(6-1, 225 Sr)

HAL BATDORF
(6-2, 225 Jr)
Shelby Henderson
(6-1, 223 So)

Roy Shine
(6-2, 235 So)
Oliver Jones
(6-0, 213 Jr)
Charley Kilgore
(6-0, 214 Jr)

Rickey Gray
(6-3, 242 Jr)
A. J. Smith
(6-4, 260 Jr)

Vic Chandler
(6-1, 204 So)
Roger Stucky
(6B1, 219 Jr)

Carl Pennington
(6-1, 230 So)
Denny Gragg
(6-4, 224 Jr)

THEOPILIS BRYANT
(5-10, 236 So)
Don Lareau
(5"11, 212 Sr)

Rocky Osborn
(5-11, 188 Jr)
Ron Solt
(5-10, 180 Sr)

Les Chaves
(6-1, 185 Sr)
Dennis Frazee
(6-3, 200 So)
Marvin Switzer
(6-0, 194 So)

GORDON CHAMBLISS
(6-2, 195 Sr)
Jim Lembright
(6-1, 178 Jr)

PAUL SMITH
(5-11, 161 Jr)
Henry Lige
(5-9, 177 So)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

SMORGASBORD OF TALENT

Gibson rates Steve Grogan one of the best quarterbacks in the country. "He has real physical ability--size, speed and toughness."

By BOB HENTZEN *Topeka Capital-Journal*

STEVE GROGAN wasn't exactly dragged kicking and screaming into the Big Eight football arena. But while growing up in Ottawa, Kansas, he never day-dreamed about being a Big Eight player. Ottawa University, two blocks down the street, was where he hoped to find his niche.

His Dad,a junior high teacher and coach, was an Ottawa U. graduate. And Steve, as a grade schooler, would go watch an uncle play football there. Ottawa U. was his big time.

STEVE GROGAN on the move for the Wildcats.

"It's the only place I'd really ever heard of or seen. I'd always figured I'd go there," said Grogan, the tough, talented dude who quarterbacks for Kansas State's veer-T offense.

Grogan's world, you see, didn't just revolve around football in his hometown. "I played all sports," he said. I never had a favorite. Whatever was in season, I liked to do that. I always wanted to go to Ottawa and play three sports."

He was a catcher in baseball, a pole vaulter and shot putter in track, a basketball player, a football quarterback and a bass clarinet player in the band. He said of the latter,"But it was hard to find time to really practice.If it had conflicted (with sports), I would have had to give it up."

He never thought of himself as anything exceptional in any of those.

As a high school sophomore, 6-2 and a scrawny 160 pounds, he became the No. 1 quarterback halfway through the season. But he started to fill out and after Ottawa High's 5-4 record his junior year recruiters had him on their lists.

"Right before my senior season a couple of coaches from Kansas came by and watched us practice and I got a call from Colorado," he recalled. "It kind of amazed me. I didn't think I'd played that well during my sophomore and junior years."

"The morning I got the call from Colorado—I was getting ready for school—my dad came and told me, 'You're going to be getting a lot of calls like that and get a lot of attention. I don't want you to let it go to your head.'"

"At the time, I guess I was naive or something, I didn't feel like I was that good a football player. I couldn't understand why they were calling me."

Grogan—yes, maybe he was naive—still didn't understand why he was getting such a rush after leading Ottawa to the Class 3-A (Kansas has five classes) state finals. You will not find anyone in Ottawa who doesn't believe the Cyclones would have been 11-0 and the state champions if he hadn't suffered a dislocated elbow in the third quarter of the championship game.

Besides K-State, he was recruited by Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Arkansas. "I told them I wasn't interested," he said of the last two. "They are a long way from home and I knew the folks wanted to see me play." Steve, by the way, has one of the larger personal rooting sections in the Big Eight. The relatives are led by his mother, Doris, who has missed only two games since he was in high school.

"Even after I signed a letter of intent, I still didn't understand why they wanted me," Grogan continued. "I guess I just wasn't sure I could play big-college ball. But I got to thinking that so many people had been talking to me that they must know something. I decided I'd give it a try and that I could always go back to Ottawa and play ball if things didn't work out."

"Even after my first semester here, I was almost sure I was gonna end up back home. I hadn't done that much around here yet. But the longer I stayed, the better things got. It's all worked out for me and I'm glad I stayed."

So is Kansas State coach Vince Gibson. "He's one of the better quarterbacks in the country because he does so many things well," says Gibson. He has real physical ability—size, speed and toughness. The one problem is that he tries too hard. If everything isn't perfect, he lets it bother him. I wish he wasn't so intense. He's a guy who gives everything all the time."

Although Grogan was timid about coming to the Big Eight, there's nothing timid about the way he plays the game. Now a solid 200-pounder through weight lifting, he's probably

the most powerful running quarterback in the Big Eight since Bobby Douglass. He doesn't shy away from collisions, and usually left the field last season with the bruises to prove it.

"A lot of times I bring that on myself," Grogan said. "Everybody keeps saying I should run out of bounds, but I can't run out of bounds. There's just something about it. I'd just as soon see how much I can get."

"A lot of times I try to run over some 260 pounder. A lot of people call me stupid, and maybe I am. But that's just the way I play."

"In high school the first couple of years, I really got hit hard. I got to looking around and saw that I was bigger than anybodyelse on the field and I just decided to deliver a blow to them before they tried to hurt me with one. It's just that I decided to protect myself by doing a little hitting myself."

"It'd be hard to change. But I see the coaches' point. I guess maybe one of these days if I get hurt bad enough, I'll learn my lesson. But I get in a game and I don't think about it. I just try to do as much as I can and get as much as I can. The kind of football players you face in this league, you're gonna get some bruises and bumps. But you've got to play with those."

Grogan's statistics for his junior year don't impress you. He rushed for a net 373 yards, only two per carry. But that's misleading because he suffered 292 yards in losses, mostly while attempting to pass.

As a passer, he has a strong right arm but certainly wasn't in the same league with David Jaynes and Dave Humm. He hit 44 per cent for 1,050 yards and a modest four touchdowns. He had 15 intercepted. But Gibson claims those so-so figures weren't all Grogan's fault.

"We spent so much time on the running game to put in the veer, we didn't work that much on passing," the coach says. "I think he'll be an outstanding passer."

"I'm passing a lot better," Grogan said at the conclusion of spring drills. "I'm more relaxed and learning to throw to the open man a lot more. Last year I tried to force the ball too much.

"I'm a lot more confident now. You learn a lot by playing. After you get through, though, you can sit down and kind of analyze what you are doing—the mistakes you made. I think I learned from the time the season was over to spring ball."

GROGAN IS RATED the most powerful running quarterback in the Big Eight since Bobby Douglass.

"I led the league in interceptions and a smart quarterback doesn't make those kind of mistakes. I decided I've got to hit the backs in the flat and take a little gain rather than try to force the ball and get it intercepted.

"Something that's really helped this spring is our offensive lines pass protection is so much better. That's the kind of thing that gives the quarterback a little more confidence and helps his passing."

"Another thing, we've gone to a full sprintout, which I think has helped. Last year we'd sprint, but then pull up. We're getting outside, which helps the offensive line block. Besides, if nothing is there, I can turn up field and run the ball."

Grogan is also certain he'll profit from the year of experience as a veer quarterback. "I love the veer," he said. "It's a great offense. We've all commented this spring that we've all been so much further ahead than we were last year. Everybody is a lot more confident and a lot more at ease with the new kind of offense."

"It's the kind of offense it takes a while to really learn and execute to perfection. I don't know that we've even come that far yet. There's still a lot of things we don't do off of it that a lot of people, like Houston do. But we're getting more variations in it."

Grogan, who for a long, long time thought of himself as no better than a small-school quarterback, is now thinking pro football as he heads into his senior season, with coaching at the high school or junior high level as a backstop.

"I'd like to give it a chance; I think I could play pro football if the opportunity arises," he said. "But I've got to have a good year to finish my college days before I start worrying about that."

Sophs To Watch

The Cat's superb sophomore linebackers lead a star-spangled corp of newcomers who promise to topple the Big 8 Establishment . . . soon

By DEL BLACK *Kansas City Star*

KANSAS STATE WILL HEAP considerable responsibility on its "Young 'Uns" this fall, and if spring ball was any indication they can handle the challenge.

As many as five sophomores figure in the defensive alignments. The offense isn't as yearling-dotted, but newcomers are a cinch to provide more than token stability.

As freshmen, forced to become of football age before their time, linebackers Theopilis Bryant and Carl Pennington made more than one ball carrier straighten up and take notice.

They're sophomores now and have hard-hitting company from not only veterans, but a couple of freshmen in the "can't miss" category—Tom Price (6-2, 220) from Shawnee Mission South in Kansas City and Dave Spani (6-2, 200), a Manhattan, Kansas lad.

Startled by a defense that ranked next-to-last in the Big Eight in stopping the run and limiting the pass, the K-State staff has shuffled, replenished, and tutored to guard against such a dismal display in 1974.

By fall, it's certain, they'll be praying a lot, too, but this possibly is the best group of athletes assembled on defense since Coach Vince Gibson has been at the helm.

One of the first moves was to position Vic Chandler, a highly-touted (and sought-after) fullback-linebacker from McPherson, Kansas, at defensive end. Now a sophomore, Chandler was employed as a tight end with the Junior varsity in '73.

"We just had to find a place where Chandler could start," said Bob Hitch, the defensive line coach. "Tight end was in fairly good shape, so we moved him to defensive end, where we needed help. He has done a fantastic job. He has been one of the most pleasant surprises of the spring."

"He's a great athlete. He has a lot to learn, but he gets the job done because he's such a good athlete. You can't knock him down. He's been compared around here, by the coaches who remember a couple of years ago, to Willie Harper when he was in his hey-day at Nebraska—great speed, great athlete—not a big kid, about 6-1, 210. He's young now, but I think he can be a good, solid two-and-a-quarter player. He's been running :04.6s (40 yards) for us."

Perry Viers (6-2, 202), a sophomore from Little River, Kansas, and a product of 8-man football, figures to see plenty of action at the other end.

"He has exceptional talent," Hitch notes. "He runs :04.7 40. He will definitely play a big part in our success or failure this year. He's got to play for us."

Roy Shine (6-2, 235), after a trial at both tackle spots, has wound up as the Wildcats' No. 1 noseguard. "We thought he was a first team player," Hitch said. "The tackles kept improving, so we moved him to nose guard. He's the strongest kid we have on the football team. He has very good speed and good size (6-2, 235). We think he's going to be an exceptional nose guard."

E.J. Smith, a 6-5, 270 pound junior college transfer from Co-Lin College in Wesson, Mississippi, will be in contention for a starting spot at defensive tackle.

And, of course, there's Bryant, "Mr. T.," considered the best defensive player at K-State.

An exceptional leader for a young player, there won't be many linebackers in the conference better than this Tifton, Georgia, strongman. "He's a Butkus-type guy," Hitch says. "He doesn't have the great lateral speed, but he's a real hitter, sticker, in-tight type linebacker. He's gonna line up in there and stop people."

Running back Carl Whitfield, with :04.4 speed, is reputed to have better quickness than the departed Isaac Jackson. The 5-11, 172-pounder from Gabbettville, Georgia, saw only brief duty with the varsity a year ago, but emerged from spring ball as the top young back.

Sophs Hardden Weech, Roscoe Scobey, Greg Whelan (a red-shirt) and L.T. Edwards also figure in the veerT plans of the Wildcats.

Bill Dixon (6-2, 205), a sophomore who saw kick-off return duty in '73, has been moved from wide receiver to tight end, a spot where his :09.6 speed will be an asset. Joining him there is Dave Chambliss (6-2, 211), a red-shirt.

Incoming wide receivers are Alonzo Wade, from Garden City (Kansas) Junior College, and Art Harris, a Pasadena (California) City College product.

Hurting the last couple of seasons because of the lack of a big back, the 'Cats went out and got James Couch, a 6-2, 230-pounder from Grand Rapids (Michigan) Junior College.

The 'Cats strengthened their kicking game with the addition of David Scheves, an All-American punter from Northeastern A. and M. in Miami, Oklahoma. He also can handle the placement duties, which he will likely share with sophs Jim Cooper and Blll Sinovic.

These "young 'uns" look like special 'Cats.

THEOPILIS BRYANT, and CARL PENNINGTON came of age as freshmen.

"Freshman Harvest"

Kansas State was selective in recruiting 27 Freshmen so Vince Gibson's staff corralled four "super athletes" and a 45-yard punter.

By DAVE WRIGHT *Manhattan Mercury*

KANSAS STATE COACH VINCE GIBSON gambled that his untested but talented corps of sophomore backs would come through this season and then hit the recruiting trail in search of some big linemen.

The NCAA's new 30 scholarship limit also entered into the picture. After bringing in three junior college transfers at the semester, the Wildcats had only 27 spots to fill when the real recruiting season opened.

Gibson completely revamped his selection guidelines.

"Before we signed anyone, three different coaches had to approve him and I had to approve every one of them myself," Gibson said.

What the Wildcats ended up with — 24 players including several outstanding individuals. Of that number, 11 were either linemen or linebackers and all the prize catches fell into those two categories.

Heading the list is Joe Brown, a 6-4, 230-pound defensive end from Scott High School in Toledo, Ohio.

"He's a genuine All-American," Gibson beams. "Everybody in the world wanted him. He's got the size, the strength and the speed (4.7 in the 40) to be a great one."

Brown personally visited 27 schools, including all of the Big Eight except Iowa State and Missouri, all of the Big Ten except Purdue and UCLA and Southern California on the West Coast as an example of how far and wide his services were sought.

Gibson plans to use Brown at strong end in K-State's defense where the ends flip flop to the strong side of the field.

Brown will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of two other Scott High alums— Willie Harper and Marvin Crenshaw who gained fame at Nebraska.

The Wildcats also got the most sought after prospect in the state of Kansas in Floyd Dorsey, a 6-5, 215 pound lineman from Shawnee Mission South High School in suburban Johnson county.

Dorsey is the type of all-around athlete Gibson likes. South's football team, with Dorsey playing both offense and defense, breezed to an 11-0 record and the Class 5A State Championship. The team was called by some the best to ever come out of Kansas.

Gibson will probably play Dorsey, who runs a 4.8 40, in the offensive line where the Wildcats lost four starters to graduation.

K-State also plucked off a pair of top notch linebackers from within Kansas.

They are James Price, a 6 - 2, 220-pounder who was Dorsey's teammate at Shawnee Mission South, and Gary Spani, a 6-3, 215-pound hometown boy from Manhattan. Both have 4.8 speed in the 40.

Gibson lumps Brown, Price, Dorsey and Spani into what he calls "the super athlete" category and says they all have a good shot at playing varsity ball this fall. Plus those four are his nominees for the All-Big Eight freshman team.

Another freshman Gibson sees as a possible varsity player this fall is David Bright a 6-1, 180-pound wide receiver from Swainsboro, Georgia.

"Bright was the best receiver we saw on film all season," Gibson says.

But the newcomer who may end up playing the biggest role this fall may be David Scheves, a 6-2, 195-pound punter from Northeastern A & M Junior College in Miami, Oklahoma.

As a freshman, Scheves averaged 45.6 yards per boot and then 43.4 yards per kick this past season as a sophomore.

The emphasis obviously was on linemen, but not completely.

"We wanted linemen mainly, but we wanted to make sure we got another good quarterback who was a good enough overall athlete that we could play him somewhere else if we had to," Gibson said.

The Wildcats signed three of these types including Joe Natcher, a 6-1, 185-pounder from Regis High School in Denver, Colorado; Jeff Beeson, a 6-2, 190-pounder from Los Gates, California; and Rick Pusa, a 6-2, 185-pounder from Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Beeson is also a kicker.

Another signee Gibson is proud of is James Reynolds, a 6-3, 215-pound defensive end the Wildcats took right out of Oklahoma's back yard in Norman.

Ironically, the Sooners weren't K-States big foes in the courting of Reynolds. The Wildcats had to battle Arkansas the hardest.

K-State had good success in raiding supposedly sacred grounds while keeping Spani at home. Natcher lives only a short drive from the Colorado campus, and Michael Rasley, a 6-5, 225-pound lineman, is from Iowa City, the home of the University of Iowa.

Of the remaining seven backs signed by the Wildcats, most of them are small.

The exception is James Couch, a 6-2, 230-pound second team All-American from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Junior College.

The others are Fred Azrak, 5-9, 165, from Nialeah (Miami Lakes), Florida; Kerwin Cox, 5-10, 175, from Oklahoma City (McGuinness), Oklahoma; Mike Namsher, 6-3, 185, from Muscatine, Iowa; John Lettany, 6-2, 192, from Waynesville, Georgia; Don Osmun, 6-0, 185, from Crystal Lake, Illinois; and Dave Reynolds, 5-11, 170, from El Dorado, Kansas.

The other linemen signed are Scott Burnett, 6-2, 220, from Shawnee Mission (Northwest), Kansas; David Long, 6-5, 237, from Topeka (West), Kansas; Chris Malmgren, 6-3, 235, from Spring Valley, California; Ernie Navarro, 6-3, 247, from Los Angeles, California; and Jim Rogers, 6-4, 245, from Griswald, Iowa.

The other signee is Standford Cherry, a 6-3, 225 - pound tight end from Tuttle, Oklahoma. ***For complete roster, see page 106.***

KANSAS STATE ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Andrews, John	S	6-0	176	So	Macon, Ga
Bailey, Arthur	QB	5-11	174	Fr	Montgomery, Ala
Baker, Robert	C	6-1	217	So	Seminole, Ok
Batdorf, Hal	DT	6-2	225	Jr	Gloucester, NJ
Bogue, Greg	DB	5-11	190	Jr	Wichita, Ks
Brandt, Bob	OG	6-2	241	Sr	St. Joseph, Mo
Brown, Kent	OG	6-2	243	So	Wichita, Ks
Bryant, Theopilis	LB	5-10	236	So	Tifton, Ga
Carson, Alton	DT	6-1	223	Jr	Eastman, Ga
Cary, Dave	OT	6-4	215	So	Wichita, Ks
Chambliss, Dave	TE	6-2	211	So	Lawrence, Ks
Chambliss, G.	S	6-2	195	Sr	Birmingham, Ala
Chandler, Vic	TE	6-1	204	So	McPherson, Ks
Chaves, Les	MM	6-1	185	Sr	Junction City, Ks
Clerihan, Pat	OT	6-3	236	Sr	Philadelphia, Pa
Cooper, David	WR	6-3	189	So	Strong City, Ks
Cooper, Jim	K	5-9	151	So	Overland Pk, Ks
Crosby, Bill	OG	6-3	240	Sr	Bellwood, Ill
Cox, Clayton	DB	6-0	168	So	Long Island, Ks
Darland, Kirk	WR	6-0	168	So	Manhattan, Ks
DeGarmo, Ken	LB	6-0	202	So	Upperco, Md
DeLaHunt, Tom	OG	6-4	225	So	Cypress, Ca
Dixon, Bill	WR	6-2	205	So	Cordele, Ga
Duncan, Stewart	LB	5-11	234	So	Lebo, Ks
Edwards, L.T.	HB	6-0	189	So	Miami, Fla
Frazee, Dennis	MM	6-3	200	So	Summerfield, Ks
Freeman, Gary	OT	6-3	251	Sr	East Moline, Ill
Gragg, Denny	DE	6-2	224	Jr	Topeka, Ks
Gray, Rickey	DT	6-3	242	Jr	Mobile, Ala
Grogan, Steve	QB	6-4	198	Sr	Ottawa, Ks
Harris, Art	WR	6-2	190	Jr	Pasadena, Ca
Hedberg, Axel	OT	6-5	238	Sr	Modesto, Ca
Henderson, Shelby	DT	6-1	223	So	Chicago, Ill
Hernandez, David	OT	6-2	249	Sr	Oxnard, Ca
Hightower, Curt	MM	5-8	170	Jr	Wichita, Ks
Hill, Frank	LB	5-11	204	So	Cooperstown, NY
Hogan, Chuck	OG	6-4	216	So	Gainesville, Fla
Jeffries, Bob	OG	6-2	230	So	Kansas City, Mo
Jones, Oliver	DE	6-0	213	Jr	Manhattan, Ks
Jones, Verdell	QB	6-0	197	So	E. St. Louis, Ill
Kilgore, Charley	NG	6-0	214	Jr	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Kozak, Mark	DT	6-5	200	So	Parma, O.
Kruse, Mike	NG	6-1	230	So	Oak Lawn, Ill
Lareau, Don	LB	5-11	212	Sr	Hinsdale, Ill
Lembright, Jim	DB	6-1	178	Jr	Dodge City, Ks
Leonard, Cal	FB	6-0	213	Jr	Indianola, Ia
Lige, Henry	DB	5-9	177	So	Montgomery, Ala
Long, Ray	DE	6-2	195	So	El Dorado, Ks
Matthews, Lorenzo	HB	5-9	151	So	Philadelphia, Pa
Merrifield, Tom	QB	6-0	180	So	Leawood, Ks
Mersch, Ron	C	6-4	197	So	Des Moines, Ia
Moeckel, Doug	OT	6-5	226	So	Hays, Ks
Osborn, Rocky	DB	5-11	188	Jr	Leawood, Ks
Parham, Don	WR	6-2	206	Sr	Wichita, Ks
Payton, Ron	DE	6-2	220	Jr	Macon, Ga
Pennington, Carl	LB	6-1	230	So	Forsyth, Ga
Peterson, Bud	WR	6-3	178	Sr	Prairie Villg, Ks
Peterson, Gerald	S	6-0	155	So	Greeley, Ks
Petree, Greg	HB	6-0	175	So	Shawnee, Ok
Reese, Al Terry	DB	6-0	180	So	Houston, Tx
Rickard, Craig	MM	6-1	195	So	Roslyn, Pa
Roberts, Mike	C	6-2	230	Jr	Birmingham, Ala
Ross, Stan	S	6-2	197	So	Atchison, Ks
Roy, Larry	TE	6-3	200	Jr	Wichita, Ks
Samarrai, Mark	FB	6-2	205	So	Manhattan, Ks
Scobey, Roscoe	FB	5-9	193	So	Oklahoma City, Ok
Shine, Roy	DT	6-2	235	So	Compton, Ca
Sinovic, Bill	K	6-0	180	So	Shawnee Miss, Ks
Smith, Andrew	DT	6-4	260	Jr	Roxie, Miss
Smith, Paul	DB	5-11	161	Jr	Kansas City, Mo
Solt, Ron	S	5-10	180	Sr	Wamego, Ks
Spare, David	K	6-1	175	Sr	St. John, Ks
Specht, David	HB	5-11	195	Sr	Overland Pk, Ks
Steiner, Regan	FB	6-2	208	Jr	Godfrey, Ill
Stucky, Roger	DE	6-1	219	Jr	Moundridge, Ks
Stuewe, Scott	K	6-1	175	So	Norton, Ks
Switzer, Marvin	MM	6-0	194	So	Bogue, Ks
Taylor, Mike	WR	6-1	173	So	Miami, Fla
Thomas, Kim	DE	6-1	225	Sr	Hadar, Neb
Trevitt, Carmen	OG	6-3	233	So	Forsyth, Ga
Tuttle, John	WR	6-1	186	Sr	Wichita, Ks
Viers, Perry	DE	6-2	202	So	Little River, Ks
Wasemiller, Tim	C	6-2	240	Jr	Lehigh, Ks
Wade, Alonzo	DB	5-11	153	Jr	Macon, Ga
Weech, Hardden	FB	6-0	202	So	Miami, Fla
Wegerer, Lou	NG	6-0	213	Jr	Marion, Ks
Whelan, Greg	HB	6-0	209	So	Medicine Lodge, Ks
Whitfield, Carl	HB	5-11	172	So	Gabbettville, Ga
Williams, Dean	WR	5-10	170	Sr	Omaha, Neb
Winchell, Tom	TE	6-2	210	Jr	Treynor, Ia
Zier, Mark	OG	6-5	232	Jr	Lincoln, Ks

THEOPILIS BRYANT
Butkus-Like Linebacker

STEVE GROGAN
Versatile Quarterback

PAUL SMITH
Dependable Defensive Back

GORDON CHAMBLISS
Real Savvy at Safety

CARL PENNINGTON
Fierce-Hitting Linebacker

BUD PETERSON
Swift Wide Receiver

DAVID HERNANDEZ
Stellar Offensive Tackle

LES CHAVES
An Aggressive Defender

Wildcat Sketches

KANSAS STATE WILL BE WEARING white helmets with a purple stripe and Wildcat head decals on the side this season instead of the purple headgear the Wildcats have worn the past two seasons. K-State uses two different brand names of helmets and head coach Vince Gibson says the change had to be made because they hadn't been able to match the two shades of purple used by the different companies . . .

You won't find many swamps around Manhattan, but K-State now has the Swamp Rat on its side. When offensive backfield coach Tom Dimitroff left for the Canadian pre league, Gibson hired Dewey Warren, the former Tennessee quarterback great, to take his place. Warren, who picked up his nick name during his playing days because he is a native of the Georgia lowlands, was the Volunteer quarterback when Gibson was Tennessee Coach Doug Dickey's top defensive coach . . .

The Chambliss family has become quite a part of the K-State football program. Gordon will be the Wildcats' starting safety for the second year this fall, while brother Dave is a promising sophomore tight end. Still another brother, Sam, was a graduate assistant coach for the Wildcats last year and father Byron, who played football at Alabama, doesn't miss many practices while traveling around the state for his Lawrence-based insurance business . . .

Former Wildcat wide receiver Mike Creed took one look at Theopilis Bryant, K-State's 236 pound sophomore linebacker before last spring's Varsity-Alumni game and informed quarterback John Duckers he wasn't to throw anything but out patterns. "I don't care what you call, there's no way I'm going into that middle," Creed said . . .

Gibson plans to flip flop his defensive ends this year. The strong end will line up with the strong side of the offensive formation or the side in which the tight end goes. The back side end will, of course, go to the weak side of the offensive formation . . .

K-State's Athletic Council turned down a proposal last spring that would have moved the Wildcats' Nov. 2 game against Missouri from Manhattan to 78,000 seat Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. If the move had been okayed, it would have marked the first time two conference teams had met off campus since the World War II days . . .

The Wildcats have seven home games this fall. The only non-conference road trip is Mississippi State at Starkville, not exactly the luxury-type trip the alumni love . . .

Junior linebacker Denny Gragg had a busy spring. At the start of drills he was moved from linebacker to defensive end, but he was back at linebacker by the time spring practice closed . . . Senior halfback Dave Specht divided his time in the spring between football and baseball. On two different occasions, Specht, the Wildcats' starting left fielder, finished up a baseball game and then hustled across the parking lot to KSU stadium where he played in the last half of a scrimmage. . . . The tradition of K-State athletics should run in Specht. His father, Henry, played basketball and baseball for the Wildcats in 1949-50, and his mother was a cheerleader during the same era . . .

Sophomore quarterback Tom Merrifields' father, Ed, is a Big Eight Conference football official. Merrifield, a redshirt in 1973, was named K-State's most improved offensive player in spring practice and will be battling for the No. 2 spot behind starter Steve Grogan . . .

Other spring practice award winners were senior defensive back Les Chaves as the most improved defensive player, junior fullback Regan Steiner as the most valuable offensive player and senior linebacker Don Lareau as the most valuable defensive player.

Diluted Defense Still Appears Awesome

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217, is the most admired, because he overcame talent limitations. Last year he out-played Nebraska's John Dutton. Tackle Drake Andarakes, another fifth year senior who weighs 245, was the surprise of spring practice. He suffered a knee injury in the final scrimmage and underwent surgery. If he fails to recover, his replacement will come from a bevy of huge redshirts who populate the No. 2 line.

Oklahoma is not nearly as set or as deep on defense. The Sooners cannot replace the size, speed and savvy they lost from a unit which Bob Devaney said "was probably the best I've ever seen—better than our (Nebraska) '71 team." The average speed of the 11 starters was 4.69. They permitted only five touchdown drives of over 28 yards.

Spring practice indicated the new ends would be much smaller but acceptable. The secondary's replacements are also smaller but experienced. The problems are nose guard and linebacker. After a spring of experiments' Glen Comeaux emerged as the No. 1 nose guard. Comeaux was AllAmerica Lucious Selmon's understudy last year and, at 213, was thought too small to play a position where strength is crucial. Though not as fast as Lucious, Comeaux is adequate at 4.9 and hopes to weight-lift himself to 225 this summer.

Senior Ron Waters (193), converted safety with 4.6 speed, and Mike Phillips (203), a junior who was ineligible last year, were the ranking ends when spring practice ended. Phillips is only 4.9 but exceptionally quick and sparkled as a big-playmaker. Phillips' play prompted senior Jimbo Elrod, who was scheduled to start at end, to be tried at linebacker. The 215-pound Elrod, a varsity wrestler with great strength and 4.8 speed, will start, somewhere. Incoming juco transfer Chavez Linzy will also get a look at linebacker, along with fifth year senior Gary Gibbs.

Assuming Hughes is fit, after knee surgery forced him to miss spring practice, the secondary will have two standouts. Tony Peters will be among the league's best cornerbacks. Cornerback Eric Van Camp and free safety Pat Hussey (Pressed by converted quarterback Scott Hill) complete the secondary. "I'm not sure yet how we will be back there," Switzer said.

With Lucious Selmon's two junior brothers, OU will be awesome at tackle. Dewey, 245, developed into one of the Big Eight's best last season. Leroy is . . . well, the gentle, 260-pound 19 year old baby of the family might prove to be the best lineman ever to play at Oklahoma. But the most decorated Sooner will be Shoate, 215-pound senior who tackles violently and has 4.6 (sometimes 4.5) speed. Like Washington, Shoate was excused from spring scrimmages. Behind these showcase figures, OU appears perilously thin; so much that Chez Evans, 270-pound sophomore and a super prospect on offense, will remain on defense.

All phases of kicking are outstanding. Tony DiRienzo, from Brazil, is a soccer style place-kicker who is accurate from 60 yards. John Carroll, once considered a No. 1 draft choice as a split end, returns after knee surgery sidelined him last year and will punt and be available for place kicking. Despite the risk, Washington will continue to return punts.

For the past decade Oklahoma's most successful teams came in years when expectations were not so high. The young championship teams of 1962 and '67 looked better on paper in '63 and '68 but were mildly disappointing.

The threat of complacency hovers over the Sooners. They are overwhelming favorites to successfully defend their championship and the schedule is shy, at this point, of inspirational challenges. This does not disturb Switzer.

"I don't worry about it as long as our players don't act like they believe it," Switzer said. "I haven't seen any indication they do. But that is where we as coaches come in. It's up to us to make sure we have the same morale and same discipline and remember how hard we worked to get where we are. As far as challenges, I know one: We've never won them all since I've been here."

With a healthy Joe Washington, the Sooners might win them all.

DEWEY, LEROY, ROD and company smother Don Calhoun of K-State.

GRANT BURGET
(6-2, 196 Sr)
Horace Ivory
(5-11, 188 Jr)
Gary Young
(5-11, 187 Sr)

JOE WASHINGTON
(5-10, 174 Sr)
Bob Berg
(6-0, 194 Sr)
Elvis Peacock
(6-0, 200 Fr)

WAYMON CLARK
(6-2, 205 Sr)
Jim Littrell
(5-11, 196 Jr)
Calvin Harris
(6-3, 210 Fr)

STEVE DAVIS
(5-10, 183 Jr)
Joe McReynolds
(6-3, 185 So)

Kerry Jackson
(6-1, 187 Jr)
Dean Blevins
(5-11, 180 Fr)

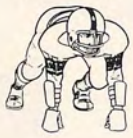
WAYNE HOFFMAN
(6-4, 226 Sr)
Kirk Killion
(6-4, 219 Sr)

Drake Andarakes
(6-4, 240 Sr)
Mike Vaughan
(6-6, 270 So)

TERRY WEBB
(6-0, 240 Jr)
Jim Taylor
(6-4, 232 Jr)

KYLE DAVIS
(6-4, 223 Sr)
Todd Dutton
(6-3, 233 So)

JOHN ROUSH
(6-0, 241 Sr)
Jaime Melendez
(6-2, 220 So)



JERRY ARNOLD
(6-2, 252 Sr)
Jim Dodds
(6-4, 241 So)

TINKER OWENS
(5-11, 164 Jr)
Billy Brooks
(6-3, 205 Jr)

Ron Waters
(6-1, 193 Sr)
Duane Baccus
(6-5, 215 So)

DEWEY SELMON
(6-1, 249 Jr)
Chez Evans
(6-2, 270 So)
John Barresi
(6-2, 230 Sr)

Glen Comeaux
(6-0, 213 Jr)
George Walrond
(6-0, 215 So)

LEROY SELMON
(6-2, 252 Jr)
Anthony Bryant
(6-3, 230 So)

Victor Brown
(6-4, 205 So)
Mike Phillips
(6-1, 207, Jr)

Gary Gibbs
(6-2, 211 Sr)
Obie Moore
(6-0, 207 So)
Joel Estes
(6-6, 230 Fr)

ROD SHOATE
(6-1, 214 Sr)
Jamie Thomas
(6-0, 211 Jr)

TONY PETERS
(6-2, 180 Sr)
E.N. Simon
(5-10, 187 Jr)

Pat Hussey
(6-0, 184 Sr)
Scott Hill
(6-0, 192 So)
Jerry Reese
(6-3, 195 So)

RANDY HUGHES
(6-4, 200 Sr)
Mike Birks
(6-1, 193 Jr)

Eric VanCamp
(6-0, 175 Jr)
Sidney Brown
(6-2, 195 So)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

A TERRIBLE SWIFT SWORD

Rod Shoate is probably the best linebacker ever to play in the Big 8 conference.

By JIM WEEKS, *Norman Transcript*

ROD SHOATE (43) PURSUES Charlie Davis (26) with the 4.5 speed of a running back.

HE HUMMED AS HE MOVED swiftly down the narrow hall. The well proportioned figure was clad in a Dutch boy cap, denim outfit and mod high-heeled shoes.

Just another student who had conquered one of those college dragons, a botany examination.

Hardly the accepted impression of Rod Shoate, who conquers more glamorous dragons during the football season.

But Oklahoma's 6-foot-1, 212-pound senior isn't necessarily all the things one might expect. He has been described as a guided missile, a cheap shot artist and the fastest linebacker in football anywhere.

He probably is the best linebacker ever to play in the Big Eight conference.

And if you want to come to Oklahoma and argue that there's a better college linebacker in the United States of America in 1974, you better be ready to fight your way out of the place.

Shoate has won about every honor available to a college linebacker.

He was a consensus All-America selection in 1973.

He was an All-Big Eight selection in 1972 and 1973.

And he was selected as national Lineman of The Week for his play against Iowa State as a sophomore in 1972 and for his play against Nebraska as a junior in 1973.

"I don't go out there every Saturday and try to prove to people that I'm an All-American," Shoate said, explaining that he accepts his honors but believes they are secondary.

"That's not my goal. My goal is to go out there and win. And the only way we can win is if I'm doing the best that I can."

If that's the criterion, then Shoate has been doing a pretty good job. Oklahoma has lost only one game and tied another in its 23 contests since Shoate became eligible for varsity competition. However, the Sooners did forfeit three of those victories.

But Shoate has a word of warning for Oklahoma's 1974 opponents.

"I want to have a better defensive team than we had last year," he said. That may take some improving since many believe the Sooners had one of the nation's great defensive teams in 1973.

"I think that's not just my goal but the goal of every defensive player here. The year before last we weren't really that good on pass defense. Well, last year we bettered outselves on pass defense."

Shoate's speed is one of his major assets.

He has been timed in 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash, speed normally reserved for backs and wide receivers.

Shoate has no secrets concerning his speed.

"As I developed and got taller in high school, I just gradually picked it up," he said. "During the time I was in the 10th grade, guys would out-run me until I got in the 11th grade and 12th grade."

"I never did try to go out and work on things to build up my speed. It just

came natural, I guess."

"Shoate is the fastest linebacker in the world," said Iowa State assistant coach Joe Avezzano after Shoate made 22 tackles on a muddy field against the Cyclones in 1972. "That means college, professional and soccer."

After viewing films of OU's 7-7 tie with Southern California last season, Notre Dame Head Coach Ara Parseghian called OU Head Coach Barry Switzer.

"He says, 'Jeez,'" Switzer said, imitating Parseghian's mideastarn accent, "that linebacker, 43. Did you tell him to run through on the sweep when the guard pulled and catch the sweep from underneath?'"

"I said, 'No, we don't teach him that. But we tell him that if he thinks he can (then) go ahead and do what he can.'"

A Miami of Florida player called Shoate "a cheap shot artist" after the Sooners' 24-20 victory last season.

"What people say about me; I don't pay any attention to that," Shoate replied. "The guy that said it; I don't even remember him being on the field. So when they say something like that, it doesn't bother me."

But Shoate believes his early experiences with football helped make him an aggressive player. He grew up on a farm near the small Eastern community of Spiro with his parents, four brothers and five sisters.

"We used to play a lot of sandlot ball, and the guys that we played with were really large guys," Shoate recalled. "I was the only small guy in grade school who would come up and try to tackle them."

"We used to play tackle with no pads. During that time, I never was afraid just to come up and hit anybody. I guess it falls back to that."

"You'd come out with a busted lip. Cuts on the head. But, if you were the one that always got hurt, they wouldn't choose you on their side anymore. You'd have to watch. So if you did get hurt, you'd have to shake it off right quick and get up and go again."

"That was the only source of recreation that we had; playing that kind of ball on the weekends. It was a lot more fun playing than watching."

But Shoate, who wears a short Afro hair cut and a closely trimmed goatee, doesn't want to give what he considers might be a wrong impression.

"I don't consider myself very tough," he insisted. "I don't really, actually try to be tough. I don't get anything out of thinking that I'm a tough guy. By doing that you're not really anything but weak. You're just saying that you're tough. You try to cover up everything else."

"I have no reason to consider myself to be a tough guy, or anything like that."

However, Shoate also is known for his crushing tackles. And he says he prefers playing defense to playing offense.

"I'm not a back," he said. "I knew it when I came here. I never did like carrying the ball. One thing: I don't like to get hit. I know, I get hit hard going through those tackling drills. And I know if one man can hit me that hard, just think what 11 men can do."

"And that's what you've got coming at you when you play offense. You've got 11 men coming at you. And they're not coming at you to escort you to the sideline."

"You're going to get hit some, offense or defense. It's almost impossible to keep from getting hit when you've got the ball."

"If there's anyway I can get around a blocker without touching him, I'm going to get around him. While you're sitting there, taking on a lineman, the ball carrier is just getting away from you."

Shoate says the one back who stands out to him is Texas fullback Roosevelt Leaks.

"He does some things that make you wonder how he did them," Shoate said of the Longhorn All-America, who apparently will sit out this season after suffering a knee injury last spring.

"He'll probably always stand out in my mind because he's so good. He's just a great back."

Shoate says he also respects Colorado's Charlie Davis.

"A good back, a real GOOD one, like Joe (OU junior left halfback Joe Washington) gets you in open field and you'll never touch him. He makes a lot of GOOD people look bad."

Shoate says he sometimes may be misunderstood. He admits that he is independent, perhaps a loner and not very talkative.

"I don't consider myself as an outgoing person," he said. "I try to take a lot of things serious, especially the things I'm involved in, like sports. I'm real serious about that."

"I don't really like to talk that much, especially about the things that I do."

"That's the way I am. I go places by myself. I don't really talk that much. I don't really find a whole lot to talk about."

"Then, too, when I'm by myself, I can come and go when I get ready. That's the way I like to be. I don't like to sit around and wait on people."

But Shoate's personality changes in certain situations.

He was introduced to OU's special education program by former Sooners Lucious Selmon and Clyde Powers and is considering special education as a career after he completes his athletic career.

"By being here, I've become involved with a lot of students with learning disabilities," he said. "They come up here and visit around with us and talk to us. I could do something to help them."

"You can always find something to say to a youngster. And they automatically take an interest in what you say."

"I'd like to do it to know that I'm helping somebody."

Shoate nearly missed his chance to help OU.

In his senior year, his high school team had a 5-4-1 record, and he received little recognition, not even being selected on the All-State team. Oklahoma State was the only college showing an interest in him.

But L.D. Johnson, principal and football coach at Spiro High, called OU's coaches and asked that they look at some game films of Shoate.

Larry Lacewell, OU's defensive coach, recalls that he got the film just before leaving on a recruiting trip.

"I put it in the trunk and took off. I drove around for a week with one of the best linebacking prospects in the country sitting in my trunk," Lacewell said.

Lacewell recalls that when Chuck Fairbanks saw the film, the former Sooner head coach said: "Go, get him."

That's what OU did and that's what Shoate has been doing.

Lacewell describes Shoate's play by saying:

"Rod Shoate has been places on the football field that other linebackers never see."

Sophs To Watch

Experience-laden Oklahoma won't be playing many sophomores, but the newcomers could provide vital reserve help in OU's bid for another title

By JIM WEEKS *Norman Transcript*

THE ROOM AT THE TOP for a newcomer on Oklahoma's football team in 1974 is sparse.

This, of course, is in direct contrast to last season when the Sooners won the Big Eight Conference championship and finished third in the nation in The Associated Press Poll and second in the United Press International rankings.

The 1973 Sooners had five newcomers starting on offense and two newcomers starting full-time and two part-time on defense.

The Sooners return nine offensive starters and five full-time starters and a part-time starter on defense this season.

It appears that few sophomores, even red-shirt sophomores, or any junior college transfers will break into the starting lineups this season, unless injuries become a factor.

But several players in these categories will play key reserve roles.

"If I could tell you who was going to be at nose guard, one end and one linebacker position, I could tell you a lot more about who is going to be playing," said Larry Lacewell, OU assistant head coach and defensive coordinator.

"We have a fine crop of young prospects—-no Deweys or LeRoys (Selmon)—-but players who will help us."

Four players who lettered last year as freshmen head the list. They are Scott Hill, 192-pound safety from Hurst, Texas; Obie Moore, 207-pound linebacker nrom Austin, Texas; Anthony Bryant, 230-pound tackle from Port Arthur, Texas; and Chez Evans, 270-pound tackle from Seminole.

"Hill was one of the surprises of spring practice," said Lacewell. Hill was OU's No. 2 quarterback in 1973 but moved to defense at his request in the spring. "He's a good hitter, and you don't always find that right away from those people who move over from offense.

"Moore is a good steady linebacker. He has a good background, playing for one of the top Class AAAA teams in Texas," Lacewell said.

"Bryant is not great but he was second team as a freshman last year and he has the size and speed," said the Sooner coach.

"Chez suffered a broken hand in the spring and he was limited in what he could do," Lacewell said. Evans was an offensive lineman in 1973 and was tried at nose guard early in spring practice.

"We know he's not the nose guard type. And we really don't know what his status will be as to playing offense or defense."

Other prospects are Jerry Reese, 6-3, 195-pound sophomore safety from New Orleans; Duane Baccus, 6-5, 215-pound red-shirt sophomore end from Brownsfield, Texas; and Keith Thomas, safety transfer from Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, Texas.

However, Thomas suffered an ankle injury during the spring and his status is uncertain.

"Reese has all the ingredients to be an excellent player," said Lacewell. "He's a good tackler and has range in going for the football."

"Baccus is cut from the same mold as Gary," said Lacewell, referring to OU's All-Big Eight defensive end in 1973.

Galen Hall, OU's offensive coordinator, believes it is unlikely that any sophomore or junior college transfer will be starting on offense this season because of the Sooner's returning experienced players.

Jaime Melendez, 6-2, 220-pounder, is the only freshman letterman returning on offense, but he still is behind three-year starter John Roush at left guard.

"Jaime has good quickness and speed and gives good depth " said Hall.

Two other bright prospects are Horace Ivory, right halfback transfer from Navarro Junior College, and Mike Vaughan, 6-6, 270-pound red-shirt sophomore tackle from Ada.

"Ivy is a good, tough runner," said Hall. "He has good speed and he can help us."

However, Ivy's availability depends on his recovering from an operation to remove calcium deposits from his hamstring.

"Vaughan has a chance to help us," said Hall. "His size is good and he moves well for his size. He adjusts well to blocks in passing situations."

Others who may play key reserve roles are Joe McReynolds, 6-3, 185-pound sophomore quarterback from Purcell; ' Jim Dodds, 6-4, 260-pound red-shirt sophomore tackle from Albuquerque, New Mexico; Todd Dutton, 6-3, 235-pound red-shirt sophomore center from Boulder, Colorado; and Calvin Harris, 6-3, 210-pound freshman fullback from Conroe, Texas.

CHEZ EVANS offers speed and size in either offensive or defensive lines.

"Freshman Harvest"

A Rare Sooner Haul Despite stigma of probation

By AL ESCHBACH *Oklahoma Journal*

WHEN BIG EIGHT OFFICIALS dished out a two-year probation to Oklahoma last August, rivals around the league were claiming the Sooners' recruiting efforts would be crippled.

They said just the fact that Oklahoma could not be on TV or in a bowl game for two years would hinder the Sooner efforts.

Barry Switzer admitted he was worried

But the worst is over for Oklahoma. The 1974 high school prospects that signed with the Sooners will be the last ones affected by the probation.

The result of the probation on the recruiting? None at all!

The Sooners are talking happily about one of their better recruiting efforts in recent years.

"I think this is the best overall crop of linemen we have signed since I have been here," said recruiting chief Jerry Pettibone. "And we have some backs who I feel are as good as anyone."

The Sooners closed fast in the recruiting race and signed three blue-chippers in April—-All-American running back Elvis Peacock of Miami, Florida, quarterback Dean Blevins of Norman and linebacker Danny McCullough of Bricktown, New Jersey.

"We had a very good recruiting year until we signed them," Pettibone said. "But once we got those three, I feel we had a great recruiting year."

The emphasis put on the Sooner recruiting was in Oklahoma where the talent was supposed to be at its best. OU got just about everyone it wanted in the home state.

Leading the group of big and fast linemen was mammoth Jeff Ward of Moore. Ward, a heavyweight wrestling champion, is a 6-6, 265-pounder who runs the 40 in 5.0.

"We think Jeff can be a great one," said Switzer. "He has all the tools. He's one of the strongest linemen you'll ever see."

There were three other line prospects that the Sooners have been bragging about—-Howard Humphrey of Morris, Harvey Johnson of Tulsa Central and Sam Claphan of Stilwell.

Humphrey's team at Morris only won one game last year. But that didn't stop college scouts from visiting the town. Humphrey is a very talented athlete who is 6-7, 230 and covers the 40 in an amazing time of 4.7. Wooed by none other than UCLA's John Wooden, he was an All-Stater in basketball.

Johnson, whose brother Henry started for the University of Pennsylvania basketball team this past year, is 6-5, 225 pounds. He covers the 40 in 5.0.

Claphan is also highly regarded because of his 6-6, 240-pound size and his 5.0 speed in the 40. Claphan will just be 17 years old when the season starts.

The most noticeable backs the Sooners signed from Oklahoma were Blevins and running back Myron Shoate of Spiro.

"I think that Blevins was the best quarterback prospect in Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas," said Pettibone. "I don't think there will be too many people who will argue with me about that."

"Dean is the best quarterback prospect we have had since Jack Mildren. "He's a great runner (4.5 speed in the 40) and also is an excellent passer."

Blevins, who was courted by many of the major basketball powers across the country, has been bothered by injuries during the past two campaigns.

Shoate, younger brother of All-American linebacker Rod, is a 5-11, 185-pounder. He runs the 40 in 4.6. Like Rod, he's been a standout linebacker. But the Sooner coaches get excited when they think of him as a running back.

"I think Myron can be a great one," said Pettibone. "There's not much difference between him and Peacock. Elvis is bigger, but Myron has got moves like Joe Washington's."

As always, the Sooners managed to get some blue-chippers from out of state. Although they were hurt by losing All-American noseguard Jimmy Green of Waco, Texas and defensive back Ronald Burns of Arlington, they were more than happy with what they got.

Leading the way was the inking of Peacock, a 6-1, 195-pound jet who had done a 4.3 in the 40. Peacock, playing at both split receiver and halfback, had over 1,800 yards of acreage his last two years and scored 24 touchdowns.

"From just watching films of him, I think he's as good a prospect as Greg Pruitt and Joe Washington," Pettibone praised. "The only difference is that Elvis is bigger."

In the past few years, the Sooners have come away with a wealth of talent in Texas. This year the two biggest prizes may have been linebacker Joel Estes of Sherman and tackle Richard Murray of Greenville.

Estes is a mobile 6-6, 218-pounder who runs the 40 in 4.9.

"I think that Estes is in the same class as Carl McAdams, Bob Harrison and Jerry Tubbs, and some of the other great linebackers that we have signed from Texas," Pettibone said.

There was some question about Murray's eligibility but after it was cleared, the Sooners scooped him up. He's a 6-3,240-pounder with 4.8 speed in the 40.

"I'm not giving any sour grapes because we lost Jimmy Green, but a lot of coaches in the Southwest Conference who saw both Green and Murray, say that Murray is a better college prospect. He was injured early in the year and that's why he didn't get so much publicity.

Other out-of-state gems the Sooners landed were McCullough and Terry Sherman, a defensive end from New Orleans.

McCullough, a 6-1, 210-pounder, was also one of the better wrestling prospects across the nation as he had a 54-0 record his last two years with 35 pins.

Sherman was voted the outstanding player in New Orleans and was elected to the All-Southern. He's 6-4, 218-pounds with 4.6 speed in the 40. "He's a super prospect," says Pettibone.

For complete roster, see page 106.

OKLAHOMA SOONERS ROSTER

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Andrakes, Drake	OT	6-4	240	Sr	Burkburnett, Tx
Arnold, Jerry	OT	6-2	217	Sr	Okla. City, Ok
Baccus, Duane	DE	6-5	215	Jr	Brownfield, Tx
Bailey, Gary	OG	6-2	221	Sr	Tulsa, Ok
Barnoakie, Gary	DE	5-10	197	Jr	Vian, Ok
Barresi, John	DT	6-2	230	Sr	Youngstown, Ohio
Bentley, David	DT	6-4	235	Jr	Garland, Tx
Berg, Bob	LHB	6-0	194	Sr	Wewoka, Ok
Birks, Mike	SS	6-1	193	Jr	Tulsa, Ok
Bishop, Gary	OT	6-3	218	Jr	Findlay, Ohio
Bodin, Jeff	cC	6-4	223	Jr	Edmond, Ok
Brady, Barry	DT	6-4	235	Jr	Garland, Tx
Brecht, Marty	LB	6-2	210	Jr	Edmond, Ok
Briggs, Larry	LH	5-9	185	Jr	Vian, Ok
Brooks, Bill	TE	6-3	205	Sr	Austin, Tx
Bryant, Anthony	DT	6-3	230	So	Port Arthur, Tx
Buchanan, Dennis	C	6-3	226	Sr	Okla. City, Ok
Burget, Grant	RHB	6-2	196	Sr	Stroud, Ok
Calonkey, Steve	SS	6-0	190	Sr	Norman, Ok
Carroll, John	TE	6-5	210	Sr	Norman, Ok
Clark, Waymon	HB	6-2	205	Sr	Austin, Tx
Comeaux, Glen	LB	6-0	213	Jr	Port Arthur, Tx
Coody, Reed	OG	6-2	230	Jr	Marlow, Ok
Cox, Jeff	DE	6-0	200	So	Lakewood, Co
Crosswhite, Ken	LHB	6-0	180	Jr	Hennessey, Ok
Davis, Kyle	C	6-4	233	Sr	Altus, Ok
Davis, Steve	QB	5-10	183	Jr	Sallisaw, Ok
DiRienzo, Tony	K	5-11	187	Jr	Ardmore, Ok
Dodds, Jim	OT	6-4	262	Jr	Albuquerque, NM
Duke, Larry	NG	6-0	216	Jr	Borger, Tx
Dutton, Dick	LB	6-1	211	Jr	Monahans, Tx
Dutton, Todd	OG	6-3	233	Jr	Boulder, Co
Elrod, Jimbo	DE	6-1	197	Jr	Tulsa, Ok
Emel, Jeff	DT	6-3	233	Jr	Okla. City, Ok
Evans, Chez	OT	6-2	270	So	Seminole, Ok
Evans, Rick	OT	6-3	223	Jr	Tulsa, Ok
Foster, Jerry	LHB	6-0	185	Jr	Monahans, Tx
Gambrell, Rick	TE	6-4	211	Jr	Tulsa, Ok
Gibbs, Gary	LB	6-2	211	Sr	Houston, Tx
Hale, Joe	NG	6-2	225	Sr	Des Moines, Ia
Hill, Scott	QB	6-0	192	So	Hurst, Tx
Hoffman, Wayne	DE	6-4	226	Sr	Spiro, Ok
Hover, Lee	SE	5-9	160	So	Morgan City, La
Hughes, Randy	SS	6-4	200	Sr	Tulsa, Ok
Hussey, Pat	LCB	6-0	184	Sr	Edmond, Ok
Jackson, Kerry	QB	6-1	198	Jr	Galveston, Tx
James, David	LCB	6-0	180	So	Pauls Valley, Ok
Jenkinson, Steve	HB	6-0	188	Jr	Tulsa, Ok
Jones, Barry	DE	6-2	214	So	Farmersburg, In
Kemp, Jim	C	6-5	237	Jr	Hobbs, NM
Killion, Kirk	TE	6-4	219	Sr	Houston, Tx
Kunkle, Steve	LB	5-10	195	Jr	Galena Park, Tx
Kulbeth, Ralph	DT	6-5	245	Jr	Snyder, Tx
Littrell, Jim	FB	5-11	196	Jr	Muskogee, Ok
Ludwig, Steve	DE	6-2	198	Jr	Galena Park, Tx
Lund, Craig	TE	6-6	232	Jr	Richardson, Tx
Mabry, Jeff	QB	6-0	179	Jr	Enid, Ok
Martin, Leo	TE	6-3	235	Jr	Murfreesboro, Tn
McClearin, Tim	DE	6-5	248	Jr	Plano, Tx
McCloud, Marc	OG	6-2	227	So	Tulsa, Ok
McClure, Danny	FB	6-0	203	Jr	Elk City, Ok
McREynolds, Joe	QB	6-3	185	So	Purcell, Ok
Melendez, Jaime	OG	6-2	220	So	Lawton, Ok
Moore, Obie	WLB	6-0	207	So	Autin, Tx
Mildren, Richard	SS	5-10	172	Sr	Abilene, Tx
Morton, Don	LB	6-2	220	Sr	Marlow, Ok
Owens, Tinker	SE	5-11	164	Jr	Miami, Ok
Pearson, Doug	SE	6-1	181	Jr	Pryor, Ok
Peters, Tony	LCB	6-2	180	Sr	Pauls Valley, Ok
Phillips, Mike	DE	6-1	207	Jr	Galveston, Tx
Potters, Gary	TE	6-3	215	Sr	Santa Ana, Ca
Reese, Jerry	FS	6-3	195	So	New Orleans, La
Roush, John	OG	6-0	241	Sr	Arvada, Co
Russell, Clyde	HB	5-9	185	Sr	Garden City, Ks
Russell, Kleyn	FB	6-1	209	Sr	Shawnee, Ok
Selmon, Dewey	DT	6-1	249	Jr	Eufaula, Ok
Selmon, LeRoy	DT	6-2	252	Jr	Eufaula, Ok
Shoate, Rod	LB	6-1	214	Sr	Spiro, Ok
Simon, E. N.	RCB	5-10	187	Jr	Clinton, Ok
Steward, Robert	RHB	5-10	194	So	Forest City, Ar
Sullivan, David	OG	6-1	214	Jr	Arlington, Tx
Sutton, Tony	CB	6-0	186	Sr	Tulsa, Ok
Tate, Larry	NG	6-1	227	Sr	Garland, Tx
Taylor, Jim	OT	6-4	232	Sr	Walters, Ok
Thomas, Jamie	LB	6-0	211	Jr	Ada, Ok
Van Camp, Eric	S	6-0	175	Jr	Muskegon, Mi
Vaughan, Mike	OT	6-6	270	Jr	Ada, Ok
Washington, Joe	LHB	5-10	174	Jr	Port Arthur, Tx
Waters, Ron	SS	6-1	193	Sr	Okla. City, Ok
Webb, Terry	OG	6-0	240	Jr	Muskogee, Ok
White, Brad	OT	6-2	234	Sr	Rush Springs, Ok
Wright, Lonnie	OT	6-2	230	So	Choctaw, Ok
Wukman, Steve	S	5-9	153	Jr	Bellaire, Tx
Young, Steve	RHB	5-11	187	Sr	Clinton, Ok
UP FROM THE FRESHMAN TEAM					
Armstrong, T.	LG	5-9	210	So	Flint, Mi
Brown, Sidney	SS	6-2	195	So	New Orleans, La
Brown, Victor	LE	6-4	205	So	Newark, NJ
Cantrell, Marshal	TE	6-4	220	So	Sapulpa, Ok
Cargill, Brett	RT	6-4	215	So	Pleasant Hill, Ca
Dalke, Bill	SLB	6-0	210	So	Hobart, Ok
Dye, Allan	LE	6-2	190	So	Chelsea, Ok
Green, Robbie	DE	6-2	195	Fr	Marlow, Ok
Harrls, Calvin	FB	6-3	210	Fr	Conroe, Tx
Hutchins, Greg	HB	5-9	160	So	Hobbs, NM
Jackson, Tyrell	WS	6-0	163	So	Cleburne, Tx
James, David	RCB	6-0	170	So	Pauls Valley, Ok
Larghe, Steve	RCB	5-11	185	So	Arvada, Co
McCampbell, R.	LHB	5-11	185	So	Pampa, Tx
McClure, Mike	LT	6-2	220	So	Norman, Ok
McLennan, K.	LCB	6-0	170	So	Nowata, Ok
Mitchell, Mike	FB	5-11	197	So	Sallisaw, Ok
Owens, Roger	LCB	5-11	197	So	Mesquite, Tx
Phillips, Ted	SLB	6 0	200	So	Tulsa, Ok
Randolph, John	RT	6-3	215	So	Seminole, Ok
Rohr, Frank	SS	5-10	170	So	Tulsa, Ok
Shroyer, Mike	RCB	6-0	170	So	Okla. City, Ok
Simcik, Doug	FB	6-1	190	So	N. Glenn, Co
Walrond, George	NG	6-0	215	So	Lake Charles, La
Westfall, T.	TE	6-6	211	So	Brownwood, Tx
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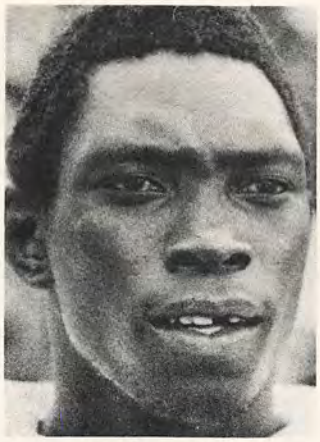
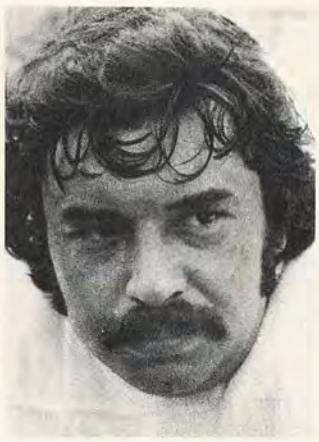
Williamson, Russ	WLB	6-4	210	So	Dallas, Tx



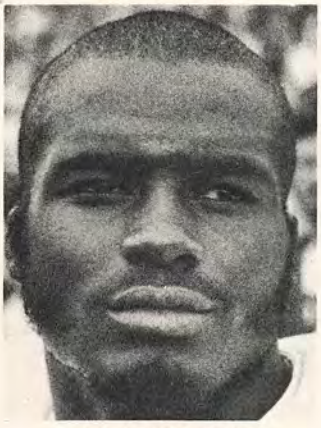
TONY PETERS
Hawk in the Secondary



KYLE DAVIS
Superb Center

TERRY WEBB
Larry Little Mobility

TINKER OWENS
Dangerous Receiver



MIKE PHILLIPS
Fiery Defensive End

STEVE DAVIS
Formidable Quarterback

WAYMON CLARK
Lightning at Fullback

JOHN ROUSH
Hulking Guard

Sooner Sketches

THERE CAN BE LITTLE QUESTION about the high opinion of OU Defensive Coordinator Larry Lacewell concerning Dewey and LeRoy Selmon, OU's defensive tackles.

"Dewey Selmon would be the best tackle on anybody's team in America," Lacewell said.

"And he's not at Oklahoma, because LeRoy is out for ball here. And the only reason that he's not as good as LeRoy is that there is about 20 pounds difference in weight.

Joe Washington, junior left halfback, is considered better than Greg Pruitt, consensus All-America halfback at OU in 1971 and 1972, at the same stage of his collegiate career, says Galen Hall, OU's offensive coordinator.

"But I don't expect Joe to do as a junior what Greg Pruitt did," Hall warns.

If you don't recall: Pruitt gained 1,665 yards, averaged 9.4 yards a carry and ran for more than 200 yards on consecutive Saturdays against Southern California, Texas and then set a Big Eight record of 294 yards against Kansas State.

"No one knew how to defense us," Hall said of 1971.

If he starts for OU the entire 1974 season, Grant Burget will be the first Oklahoman to do so at offensive halfback since Roy Bell did in 1971.

All of OU's starting halfbacks since then have been Texans.

The Sooners experienced one of those reverse grooming trends among four players last spring.

Joe Washington, who is known as "The Barber" among his friends, shaved the heads of quarterback Kerry Jackson, defensive end Michael Phillips and defensive halfback Victor Brown.

Washington waited until after spring practice to shave his own head because he had to convince his mother and his girl friend of the idea.

Plans for the four next fall are uncertain.

Quarterback Steve Davis, an ordained Baptist minister, tells youth groups not to be afraid to dream dreams.

As a youngster, Davis says he dreamed of being a quarterback at OU. Having achieved that, he says he now dreams of playing on a national championship team.

Davis also likes to tell the story of visiting a movie studio and seeing the Frankenstein monster the day before OU played Southern California and in Los Angeles last season.

"I didn't know he was going to suit up for them the next day," he said.

Of linebacker Rod Shoate, Lacewell says: He probably won't get a vote for the Heisman Trophy, "but if there has ever been someone who deserves it, it's him."

"I've got to believe that a great linebacker is just as important as a great quarterback if you win."

"If we're a great defensive team this year, and I'm not saying we are, but if we happen to be, it will be because of his abilities."

OU may be one of the few teams in the nation with two players who have kicked field goals of more than 50 yards.

Senior John Carroll kicked a 53-yard field goal against Auburn in the 1971 Sugar Bowl.

And junior Tony DiRienzo kicked a 60-yard field goal against Kansas last season.

SCHOOLBOY SUPER STARS

The elite of the "Friday Night Heroes"

By AL ESCHBACH *Oklahoma Journal*

LAST DECEMBER when the football season had ended, Big Eight coaches were carefully studying the lists of prospects in the area.

The most commonly talked about names at this time were Terry Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Curtis Craig of Davenport, Iowa; Jeff Ward of Moore, Okla.; Jeff Knapple of Boulder, Colo.; Mike Stensrud of Lake Mills, Iowa and Randy Wepler of Liberty, Mo.

Also mentioned frequently were Myron Shoate of Spiro, Okla.; James Emerson of Great Bend, Kansas; Mike Larsen of Harlan, Iowa; Vaughn Lusby of Lawton, Okla.; Gary Washington of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Ben Young of Ponca City, Okla.

If you still have a copy of last year's Big Eight Football magazine, you can check and see that these athletes were on the first team of "Friday Night Heroes". They were just heading into their senior year of high school, and they did well, as expected.

Miller was regarded as one of the top four halfbacks in the country. Oklahoma State won a heated recruiting war over him.

Craig didn't do bad either. He led Davenport Central to a state championship and scored six touchdowns in that title game. Nebraska was the winner of his services.

Ward, a massive 6-5, 265-pounder, visited Texas, Arkansas and Michigan State, among others, before deciding to stay near his home at Oklahoma.

Knapple touched off a furious recruiting battle. He signed with both Nebraska and UCLA before deciding Los Angeles was the place for him.

Stensrud was regarded as the top lineman in Iowa as was Wepler in Missouri. The Big Eight won out on both of these plums as Stensrud inked with Iowa State and Wepler with Missouri.

Shoate, brother of All-American linebacker Rod, has Oklahoma coaches telling of the possibility of him becoming another Joe Washington. Emerson was sought by almost everyone before signing with Kansas. Larsen, another top-notch prospect in Iowa, signed with Iowa State.

Lusby inked with both Oklahoma State and Arkansas before putting a national signature on a Razorback letter. Washington decided on Colorado and Young with Oklahoma State.

Not to be overlooked was the second team quarterback, Dean Blevins of Norman, Okla. Blevins ended an intense football and basketball recruiting battle by finally signing with Oklahoma.

The magazine didn't do a bad job either two years ago when it picked just 11 prospects.

Mike Fultz (Nebraska), Chez Evans (Oklahoma), Ross Murphy (Texas Tech) and Elijah Davis (Arkansas) are all fighting for starting slots this season.

As in the past, the team has been selected by high school coaches throughout the area.

Also helping in picking the squad are reports from coaches in the Big Eight and sports writers in the six conference states.

Some of the performers on the team may not have had super statistics, for one reason or another. But you can bet you'll be hearing about them.

One such case is Charles Loggins of Grandfield, Okla. Loggins only played two games last year before some sort of eligibility technicality sidelined him.

But that isn't going to keep college coaches from knocking on his door. That's because Loggins is 6-3 via 220 pounds and runs the 40 in 4.6.

People are already comparing him to Howard Humphrey, who played in the small town of Morris, Okla. No one had heard of Humphrey before the season started and very few had heard of Morris.

But when the college coaches found out that Humphrey was 67 and 230 pounds and ran 4.7 40, Morris became very a very popular place. Humphrey finally signed with Oklahoma.

"We were hoping to try to keep Loggins a secret this year," laughed Oklahoma recruiting coordinator Jerry Pettibone.

But the secret is out!

"Coaches from all over are writing letters asking about Loggins," Grandfield coach Paul Brown said, "Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Arkansas and Kansas State have already inquired about him. He's one of these specimans of manhood that comes along once a century."

There are quite a few other able-bodied performers on this

year's squad that will get the entire recruiting treatment before the spring rolls around.

The offensive backfield is loaded with a group of very talented performers who have already attracted quite a bit of attention.

Named at quarterback is gifted Pete Cypheres of Grand Junction, Colo. The running backs are Gregg Byram of Norman, Okla., Mike Woodfin of Highland Park in Topeka, Kansas, Marti Wolever of St. Albert in Council Bluff, Iowa and Ben Cowins of Sumner in St. Louis.

Last year it was Knapple that was drawing raves as the number one quarterback in Colorado. This year it could be Cyphers.

The 6-1, 185-pounder, who has little difficulties in running a 4.6 in the 40, passed for over 1,000 yards on a team that didn't throw the ball much.

In one game against Mitchell he passed only six times but was accurate on all six pegs for 260 yards.

Byram has already excited both the Oklahoma and Oklahoma State coaching staffs. On the football field he was the first Norman junior to rush for over 1,000 yards.

On the track he won the state championship in the 120 and 330 yard hurdles. He broke the state mark in the 330 with a time of 38.2 and anchored the mile relay to a second place state finish with a split of 47.6. He may be the best prospect in Oklahoma this year.

Woodfin is a real speedster who has been clocked in 9.6 in the 100 and 21.7 for the 220.

"He's an outstanding college prospect," coach Warren Dorby says. "I don't think there will be a back in Kansas who will be as good a prospect."

Honors aren't anything new to Wolever. Last year he was named to the all-state team by the Des Moines Register. He was also named to Coach and Athlete's All-American squad.

"I would have to say that Marti is the best in Iowa," praised coach David McClellan. "I watched Curtis Craig play last year and he doesn't have anything on Marti.

"Craig was a different type runner. He had long strides. But Wolever is every bit as good an athlete, if not better."

All that Cowins did was average better than a first down every time his speedy body latched onto the football. The 6-1, 185 pounder rushed for 1,189 yards and socred 15 touchdowns. His 4.6 speed in the 40 helped him with his 12-yard per carry average.

Named to the offensive line are Tim O'Boyle of Des Moines East, Earl Stripling of Tulsa, Okla., Chris Foote of Boulder, Colo., Rick Kelsic of Denver, Colo., Bill Ogara of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, Dave Kuklenski of Kansas City, Kansas and Mike Easter of McPhearson, Kansas.

Both Kuklenski and O'Boyle were heaped with praise by their high school coaches.

"I have seen films of some of the top prospects in the state, and I didn't see anyone who was as good as Dave," said Kuklenski's coach Mo Werner. "No one could compete with him last year. He was in a class by himself."

O'Boyle, an all-purpose player, who did his main damage as a fullback during the past campaign, was commended by coach Bill Charles.

"Army, Air Force, Iowa State, Iowa, Kansas and Kansas State have already asked about Tim," said Charles. "He runs a 4.6 in the 40 and is extremely strong. He's a super college prospect. He had a punt return average of 55 yards!"

Heading the defensive line are Cleveland Crosby of East St. Louis, Ill., Dennis Balagna of Winnetonka in Kansas City, Mo., Fred Kinkaid of Clinton, Iowa, Paul Butero of Alameda, Colo. and Kelvin Roehrs of Lincoln, Neb.

Enough can be said about Crosby when you just mention his 6-5, 220-pound frame that somehow runs the 40 in 4.6. Balagna, who bench presses 350 pounds, may terrorize opponents from a fullback slot this year in addition to his defensive duties. Coach Dan Stanley got the idea of putting him at fullback during the final game of his junior campaign when he rushed for 120 yards on nine carries.

In addition to Loggins at the linebacking post is Chris Garlich of Rockhurst High in Kansas City, Mo. Taking care of the defensive backfield are Scott McGill of Wheatridge, Colo., Chuck Roberts of Ada, Okla., Randy Renfroe of Junction City, Colo. and Steve Mixon of Stroud, Okla.

McGill is also a standout running back, while Renfroe and Mixon will be used at quarterbacks on offense.

McGill, a star strapping 6-3, 210-pounder who runs 40 in 4.6, gained almost 1,000 rushing, caught 26 passes and intercepted 10 enemy aerials.

Renfroe, a 5-11, 170-pound speedster who also does the 40 in 4.6, has excited coach Al Simpler so much that he'll be moved to quarterback this season."

"Not only is he a great defensive back," says Simpler. "But I think he can become an outstanding wishbone quarterback prospect.

Mixon is third who does the 40 in 4.6. He has a very gifted arm and also can run with the ball to pick up acreage.

SCHOOLBOY SUPER STARS

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OFFENSIVE TEAM

BACK

GREGG BYRAM, Norman Okla. (6-2, 180)—Last year teammate Dean Blevins was considered the top athlete in the state. Most are saying that this year it will be Byram. "No doubt about it, he'll be one of the best prospects around," said OU's Jerry Pettibone. Byram was first junior in school's talent laden history to gain over 1,000 yards. Averaged 13 a game in basketball. In track he holds state record for 330 intermediate hurdles in 38.2.

TACKLE

EARL STRIPLING, Tulsa, Okla. (6-2, 240)—Was a key to Washington's state championship team last year. "He's going to be one of your top line prospects in Oklahoma next year"" says OU recruiting chief Jerry Pettibone. "Stripling is one of the best high school blockers I've seen, maybe as good on technique as Terry Webb (Oklahoma guard)," said another Big Eight recruiter." Can pull very well. Strength is one of his assets.

GUARD

CHRIS FOOTE, Boulder, Colo (6-4, 220)—"He'll be the best lineman in the state," praised rival coach Tom Tesone of Cherry Creek. "He's fantastic." Foote has 4.8 speed in the 40. He ran the anchor leg of the mile relay team and also was a standout wrestler. Outstanding middle guard on defense. "He plays the position like Rich Glover," says coach Sam Pagano. "Our guy there has to be our best defensive player. Chris just keeps getting bigger and better."

SECOND TEAM

E	**REGGIE GRANT,** 6-3, 210 (4.6) Sapulpa, Ok.
T	**JOHN CHERRY,** 6-3, 215 (4.9) OC Putnam City, Ok.
G	**BOBBY McCLURE,** 6-1, 215 (4.9) Ladue, Mo.
C	**MIKE BURLINGAME,** 6-2, 230 (5.0) Norman, Ok.
G	**KURT TUSHAUS,** 6-3, 220 (4.9) Shawnee Mission, Ks.
T	**GREG WOODS,** 6-2, 220 (5.1) Ottawa, Ks.
TE	**DAN LATHROP,** 6-2, 200 (4.9) Waterloo, Ia.
QB	**JOE HOUGH,** 5-11, 185 (4.8) OC Putnam City, Ok.
RB	**GERALD GREEN,** 5-11, 175 (4.6) Purcell, Ok.
RB	**JEROME HEAVENS,** 6-0, 203 (4.7) E. St. Louis, Ill.
RB	**REED HUNEMUELLER,** 6-1, 210 (4.7) Cedar Falls, Ia.

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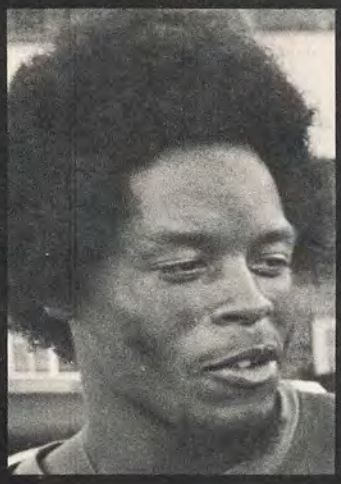

BEN COWINS, St. Louis, Mo. (6-1, 186). Averaged an almost unbelievable 12 yards a carry in gaining 1,189 yards and scoring 15 touchdowns. He has 4.6 speed in the 40 and enough strength to flip the shot putt 56 feet. "He definately looks like he might be the top running back prospect in Missouri," said one college scout. "He has all the moves. And if he can't run away from you , he'll run over you."

BACK

MARTI WOLEVER, Council Bluff, Iowa (6-2, 195)—Carried 191 times last year for 1,011 yards with 11 TD s. Punted 35 times for 46.9 average. Intercepted seven passes and knocked 11 others down. Unanimous All-City past two years and All-American pick by Coach and Athletic Magazine. "I saw Curtis Craig play last year and I would have to say that Marti is every bit as good," said coach David McCellan.

BACK

MIKE WOODFIN, Topeka, Kansas (5-11, 175)—A spectacular open field runner. He finished the season with 676 yards rushing on 82 carries for an 8.2 per carry average. He scored 14 touchdowns. He's 20 pounds heavier this year and runs a 4.5 40. He has run the 100 in 9.6 and the 220 in 21.7. "From what I saw during the track season, he could be another Elijah Davis," said one college recruiter.

QUARTERBACK

PETE CYPHERS, Grand Junction, Colo. (6-1, 185)—People in the know regard him as the top quarterback prospect in Colorado. "He reminds me a lot of Bobby Anderson," says Colorado freshman coach Dan Stavely. "I'm inclined to think he'll be the best in the state." Cyphers complete 52 of 101 passes for an average gain of more than 20 yards (1,043 yards) and he ran for 453 more. Has excellent speed —runs the 40 in 4.6.

CENTER

RICK KELSIC, Denver, Colo. (6-3 1/2, 210)—Rated as one of the top line prospects in Colorado. He's expected to put on another 20 pounds. Runs the 40 in 4.8. Ranks in the top 10 per cent of his class academically. "He can play anywhere on the offensive line because of his frame," said high school coach John DiTolla. Rick was the top shot putter in the Denver Prep League. He's also a wrestler.

GUARD

BILL OGARA, Shawnee Mission, Kansas (6-3, 230)—"I've coached two super players in John Riggins (New York Jets fullback and Bruce Adams (All Big Eight receiver at Kansas," says coach Len Mohlman. "Bill has as much potential. He won't be 17 years old until after the season is over." Ogara covers the 40 in 5.1. One college recruiter has put a "can't miss" tag on him. Possesses excellent lateral movement.

TACKLE

DAVE KUKLENSKI, Kansas City, Kansas (6-0, 235)— Regarded as one of the finest line prospects in Kansas. Helped lead Bishop Ward to state championship. Has 5.1 speed in the 40 to go along with 6-0, 235-pound frame. "I've seen films of some of the other linemen in the state, but from what I can gather, I haven't seen any as good as Dave," said coach Moe Werner. Has super strength to go with good quickness.

END

TIM O'BOYLE, Des Moines, Iowa (6-0, 182)— "I've coached Joe Orduna (former Nebraska star) and I think Tim is in the same category. He's not as elusive, but he's a stronger runner," said prep coach Bill Charles. Can play anyplace. Was sixth leading rusher in Iowa last year with 895 yards and five yard per carry average. Has real good hands. Had punt return average of an amazing 55 yards. Great college prospect.

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DEFENSIVE TEAM

PAUL BUTERO, Alameda, Colo. (6-3, 230)—"Paul was as good or better than anybody in the league last year," said coach John Groninger. "He's one of the best that I've ever coached. He has super potential." Butero was a 3.2 student. On the field he made 65 tackles sacked opponents behind the line of scrimmage 16 times in a linebacker-oriented defense.

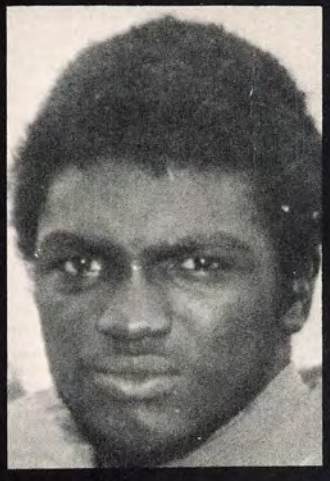
SECOND TEAM

E	**MARK GOODSPEED,** 6-5, 220 (4.8) Kansas City, Mo.
T	**TIM LUMAN,** 6-4, 245 (5.0) Choctaw, Ok.
NG	**DAN SMITH,** 6-0, 230 (5.1) Waterloo, Ia.
T	**DARRELL HOBBS,** 6-5, 220 (5.0) Cedar Rapids, Ia.
E	**DAVID RADER,** 6-4, 215 (4.8) Tulsa, Ok.
LB	**GARY BUCEANAN,** 6-4, 210 (4.7) Kingman, Ks.
LB	**KEITH BROWN,** 6-1, 205 (4.6) Soldan, Mo.
HB	**MIKE GAITHER,** 6-2, 190 (4.8) Tulsa, Ok.
HB	**DARNELL SCOTT,** 6-1, 185 (4.6) Spiro, Ok.
S	**MIKE BURTON,** 5-8, 170 (4.6) Omaha, Neb.
S	**BLANCH HODGE,** 5-10, 170 (4.7) Colorado Springs, Co.

CORNERBACK

RANDY RENFROE, Junction City, Kansas (5-11, 170)—Was a big reason why Junction City got to the state 4A title game. "Can be a super college defensive back," opined coach Al Simpler. Renfroe, who will be used also at quarterback this year, runs the 40 in 4.6. "I haven't seen many kids think as fast and react as quick as he does on a football field. He's probably the most exciting player we have ever had here."

CORNERBACK



STEVE MIXON, Stroud, Okla. (6-1, 185)-An outstanding athlete who has been a standout as both a quarterback and as a defensive back. Mixon, who travels the 40 in 4.6, hit on 56 of 123 passes last year for 1,154 yards. He scored 13 touchdowns and intercepted eight passes. "Steve should be one of the better quarterback prospects in this area," said one college , recruiter. "He has good size with the good speed."

TACKLE

FRED KINKAID, Clinton, Iowa (6-6, 253)—Still growing. May play at 285 in the coming season. Good quickness for big man—runs 40 in 5.1. "Fred has to be one of the top college prospects in Iowa," said coach Dick Olin. "He's very mobile on defense and has very good lateral pursuit." Last year Kinkaid made 52 unassisted tackles and assisted on 20 others.

NOSE GUARD

KELVIN ROEHRS, Lincoln, Neb. (6-2, 210)—The top blue chip lineman in Nebraska, this all-league performer has been described by oppossing coaches as "another Rich Glover." Uses his 4.7 speed to bedevil quarterbacks from his nose guard position, frequently forcing fumbles and disrupting backfield timing. "Even efforts to double-team Kelvin, often couldn't keep him out of the play," says his coach Frank Solich. "He's a one man gang on defense."

TACKLE

DENNIS BALAGNA, Kansas City, Mo. (6-3, 250)—"I've been coaching for 15 years and I've had All Americans like Ernest Jennings. But Dennis is as good as any," says Winnetonka coach Dan Stanley. He runs the 40 in 4.9. Got a piece or blocked seven punts. "We're going to try to get him down to 235 pounds and also use him at fullback. He played fullback the final game last year and gained 120 yards on nine carries," Stanley said.

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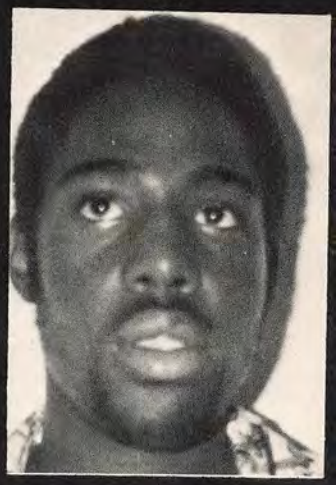


CLEVELAND CROSBY, East St. Louis, Ill. (6-5, 220)—Could be the most dominating lineman in Missouri. Covers the 40 in a swift 4.6. Can play just about any position. His speed was shown last year when he scored one touchdown on a 74 yard fumble return and another on a 70-yard interception return. "We look for him to more or less write his own ticket to college." East St. Louis coach Cornelius Perry.

SAFETY

CHUCK ROBERTS, Ada, Okla. (6-3, 185)—A classy defensive back. Regarded as one of the top athletes in Sooner state. Captured 120 high hurdles and 330 intermediate hurdles in Class 3A meet. "He reminds me a lot of Randy Hughes (Oklahoma's All-Big Eight defensive back). I coached Randy in the Oil Bowl and Chuck is a lot like him," says veteran coach Craig McBroom. "He's a super college prospect." Runs 40 in 4.6.

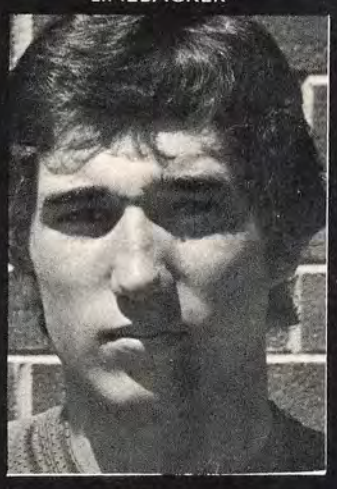
LINEBACKER

CHARLES LOGGINS, Grandfield, Okla. (6-3, 220)-Could turn out to be one of the best prospects in the Big Eight area. Not only does he have size, but runs the 40 in 4.6. Played only two games last year because of an eligibility mishap. In one of those games he rushed for 157 yards and scored three touchdowns. "We were hoping to try to keep Charles a secret, but I don't think we're going to be able to do that," said Oklahoma recruiting coordinator Jerry Pettibone.

LINEBACKER

CHRIS GARLICH, Kansas City, Mo. (6-1, 193)—An outstanding athlete. Had a 22-2 wrestling record. Was the state 4A high jump champion with a leap of 6-7 and finished fifth in the pole vault with a best of 13-9. Runs the 40 in 4.8. Made 53 unassisted tackles and was in on 25 others. Was an all-state selection as junior and has been the team's leading tackler the past two seasons.

LINEBACKER



SCOTT MCGILL, Wheatridge, Colo. (6-3, 210)—Comes from the same high school as Colorado's standout David Logan. He ran for just under 1,000 yards in balanced attack. He latched onto 26 passes and intercepted 10. "It's difficult to compare Scott and David Logan," explained coach Red Coats. "Logan was just unreal. Scott is not as spectacular as David, but does things very well. He should be one of the best around."

TOP 100

ENDS

Bob Leigh, 6-3, 225 (4.9) Mapleton, Co.
Mike Easter, 6-5, 190 (4.8) McPherson, Ks.
Jon Zeiger, 6-1, 190 (4.9) Shawnee Mission North, Ks.
Jeff Sussman, 6-2, 180 (4.9) Shawnee Mission North, Ks.
Verse Cook, 6-1, 200 (4.9) Leavenworth, Ks.
Pat Henricksen, 6 4, 211 (4.9) Clinton, Ia.
Mark Balance, 6-3, 180 (4.6) Des Moines East, Ia.
Bob Higgins, 6-4, 180 (4.8) Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson, Ia.
Ron Kleynegt, 6-5, 225(5.1) Atlanta Southeast Polk, Ia.
Leonard Fagan, 6 2, 180 (4.7) Waterloo Central, Ia.
Bruce Smith, 6-5, 195 (4.9) Des Moines North, Ia.
Pat Tuttle, 6 2 1/2, 215 (4.9) Des Moines Saydel, Ia.
Ray Vollmer, 6-2, 180 (4.9) St. Louis Desmet, Mo.
Notie Pate, 6-4, 190 (4.8) Joplin Memorial, Mo.
Tom Schooley, 6-2, 180 (4.9) Granite City, Ill.
Ron Crews, 6-3, 220 (4.9) Columbia Hickman, Mo.
Karl Voss, 5-11, 170 (4.7) Lincoln East, Neb.
Brian Horn, 6-3, 185 (4.9) Omaha Westside, Neb.
Larry Grundy, 6-2, 205 (4.8) Tulsa Washington, Ok.
Reggie Grant, 6-3, 210 (4.6) Sapulpa, Ok.
Tim Chamblee, 6-3, 190 (4.7), Durango, Co.
Rex Bell, 6-3, 210 (5.1) Salida, Co.

QUARTERBACKS

Pete Cyphers, 6-1, 185 (4.6) Grand Junction, Co.
Kevin Easton, 6-0, 178 (4.7) Pueblo East, Co.
Randy Renfroe, 5-11, 170 (4.6) Junction City, Ks.
Brad Horchem, 6-0, 180 14.7) Ness City, Ks.
Jeff Lind, 6-1, 201 (4.7) Clinton, Ia.
Mike Leeper, 6-0, 172 (4.5) Nevada, Ia.
Leo Lewis, 5-8, 155 (4.7) Columbia Hickman, Mo.
Mark Capra, 6-3, 200 (4.8) Kansas City St. Pius, Mo.
Bill Holmes, 6-1, 185 (4.8) Lincoln East, Neb.
Joe Hough, 5 11, 185 (4.8) OC Putnam City, Ok.
Gerald Green, 5 11, 175 (4.5) Purcell, Ok.
Robby Hale, 5-9, 175 (4.6) Shawnee, Ok.
Phil James, 5 10, 162 (4.7) Sand Springs, Ok.
Steve Mixon, 6 1, 185 (4.6) Stroud, Ok.
J.C. Watts, 5-11, 195 (4.8) Eufaula, Ok.

RUNNING BACKS

Scott McGill, 6-3, 210 (4.8) Wheat Ridge, Co.
Blanch Hodge, 5-10, 170 (4.7) Colo. Springs Mitchell, Co.
Craig Rider, 6-1, 205 (4.7) Colo. Springs Wasson, Co.
Tim Roberts, 5-11, 175 (4.6) Arvada West, Co.
Greg Spencer, 6-0, 218 (4.8) Denver Lincoln, Co.
George Perry, 6 1, 205 (4.6) Colo. Springs St. Mary's, Co.
Jim Howard, 6-2, 195 (4.8) Arapahoe, Co.
Jay Schaake, 6-0, 185 (4.9) Evergreen, Co.
Jeff Goble, 5-11, 175 (4.7) Pittsburg, Ks.
Jeff Shepler, 5-11, 175 (4.6) Wichita North, Ks.
Mike Woodfin, 5 11, 175 (4.5) Topeka Highland Park, Ks.
Mike Wieser, 6-1, 185 (4.6) Topeaka, Ks.
Marti Wolever, 6-2, 195 (4.5) Council Bluffs|St. Albert, Ia.
Tim O'Boyle, 6-0, 180 (4.6) Des Moines East, Ia.
Chris Juehring, 6-1, 205 (4.8) Davenport Jefferson, Ia.
Jon Lazar 6-1, 195 (4.8) South Tama, Ia.
Rick Bickert, 6-0, 190 (4.8) Mason City, Ia.
Kyle Gilpin, 6-2, 165 (4.7) Fairfield, Ia.
Kurt Knutson, 5-11, 175 (4.8) Ames, Ia.
Ben Cowins, 6-1, 185 (4.6) St. Louis Sumner, Mo.
Jerome Heavens, 6-0, 203 (4.7) East St. Louis Assumption, Mo.
Sorrell Harvey, 5-7, 145 (4.4) St. Louis Sumner, Mo.
Doug Carson, 6-0, 190 (4.6) Joplin Parkwood, Mo.
Ray Dieckmeyer, 6 1, 215 (5.0) Pattonville, Mo.
Kent Miller, 6-3, 195 (4.7) St. Louis U. High, Mo.
Mike Burton, 5-8, 170 (4.6) Omaha South, Neb.
Robert Bass, 5-6, 160 (4.8) Omaha Benson
Mike Washington, 5-11, 220 (4.7) Lincoln High, Neb.
Dave Copple, 6-1, 175 (4.8) Norfolk, Neb.
Tom Vering, 6-2, 196 (4.8) Fremont Bergan, Neb.
Jim Ridder, 6-3, 200 (4.9) West Point Catholic, Neb.
Greg Byram, 6-2, 180 (4.5) Norman, Ok.
Darnell Scott, 6-1, 185 (4.6) Spiro, Ok.
Charles Cohee, 6-2, 190 (4.7) Lawton Ike, Ok.
Willard Morris, 6-0, 185 (4.6) Sulphur, Ok.
Mike Gaither, 6-2, 190 (4.8) Tulsa Memorial, Ok.
Barry Burget, 6-3, 200, (4.8) Stroud, Ok.
Tom Tucker, 6 2, 200 (4.7) Lawton MacArthur, Ok.
Chuck Roberts, 6 3, 185 (4.5) Ada, Ok.

LINEBACKERS

Lee Kunz, 6-4, 205 (4.8) Wheat Ridge, Co.
Mark Cerise, 6-2, 190 (4.8) Cheyenne Mountain, Co.
Craig Cook, 6-0, 190 (4.8) Wichita North, Ks.
Terry Davis, 6 0, 210 (4.9) Independence, Ks.
Tony Brown, 5-11, 185 (4.7) Caney, Ks.
Gary Buchanan, 6-4, 210 (4.7) Kingman, Ks.
Joe Hufford, 6-1, 195 (4.8) Mt. Vernon, Ia.
Dan Lathrop, 6-2, 200 (4.9) Waterloo Central, Ia.
Keith Brown, 6 1, 205 (4.6) St. Louis Soldan, Mo.
Chris Carlich, 6-1, 195 (4.8) Kansas City Rockhurst, Mo.
Brad Heck, 6-1, 215 (4.9) Ladue, Mo.
Lester Dickey, 6-2, 200 (4.8) Kansas City Southeast, Mo.
Ed Stacey, 6 0, 185 (4.8) Bellevue, Neb.
Sam Willcoxon, 5-11, 212 (4.8) Omaha South, Neb.
David Rader, 6-4, 215 (4.8) Tulsa Rogers, Ok.
Charles Loggins, 6-3, 220 (4.6) Grandfield, Ok.

LINEMEN

Phil Kettelson, 6-3, 210 (5.0) Monte Vista, Co.
Brian McCabe, 6-1, 210 (4.8) Cherry Creek, Co.
Mike Tibbits, 6-0, 215 (4.8) Pueblo East, Co.
Paul Butero, 6-3, 230 (5.0) Alameda, Co.
Chris Foote, 6 4 1/2, 220 (4.8) Boulder Fairview, Co.
Rick Kelsic, 6-3 1/2, 210 (4.8) Denver Kennedy, Co.
Dave Kuklenski, 6-0, 235 (5.1) Kansas City Bishop Ward, Ks.
Bill Ogara, 6 3 1/2, 230 (5.1) Shawnee Mission Bishop Miege,
Richard Wagner, 6 2, 205 (4.9) Paxico, Ks.
Ken Wood, 6-3, 205 (4.9) Emporia, Ks.
Greg Woods, 6-2 1/2, 220 (5.1) Ottawa, Ks.
Rick Horton, 6-0, 200 (4.9) Shawnee Mission Northwest, Ks.
Kurt Tushaus, 6 3, 220 (4.9) Shawnee Mission Bishop Miege, Ks
Brad Yost, 6 0, 190 (4.8) Wellington, Ks.
Fred Kinckaid, 6 6, 253 (5.1) Clinton, Ia.
Darrell Hobbs, 6 5, 220 (5.0) Cedar Rapids Washington, Ia.
Roger Kriebs, 6-2, 240 (5.2) Urbandale, Ia.
Kurt Kemmerer, 6 3, 216 (15.0) Clear Lake, Ia.
Dan Smith1 6-0, 230 (15.1) Waterloo West, Ia.
Brian Byers, 6-2, 210 (5.2) Waterloo West, Ia.
Dave Walter, 6-2, 220 (5.0) Corning, Ia.
Jeff Fast, 6-0, 235 (5.1) Villisca, Ia.
Cleveland Crosby, 6 5, 220 (4.6) East St. Louis, Ill.
Dennis Balagna, 6-4, 255 (4.9) Kansas City Winnetonka, Mo.
Bobby McClure, 6-1 215 (4.9) Ladue, Mo.
Mark GoodsFeed, 6 5, 220 (4.8) Kansas City Rockhurst, Mo.
Stanley Gunn, 6 1, 225 (5.0) St. Louis Sumner, Mo.
Brad Budde, 6-4, 245 (5.1) Kansas City Rockhurst,Mo.
David Fletcher, 6-3, 245 (5.1) Kansas City Hickman Mills, Mo.
Gary Billesbach, 6-2, 210 (5.1) Grand Island, Neb.
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Earl Stripling, 6-2, 240 (4.9) Tulsa Washington, Ok.
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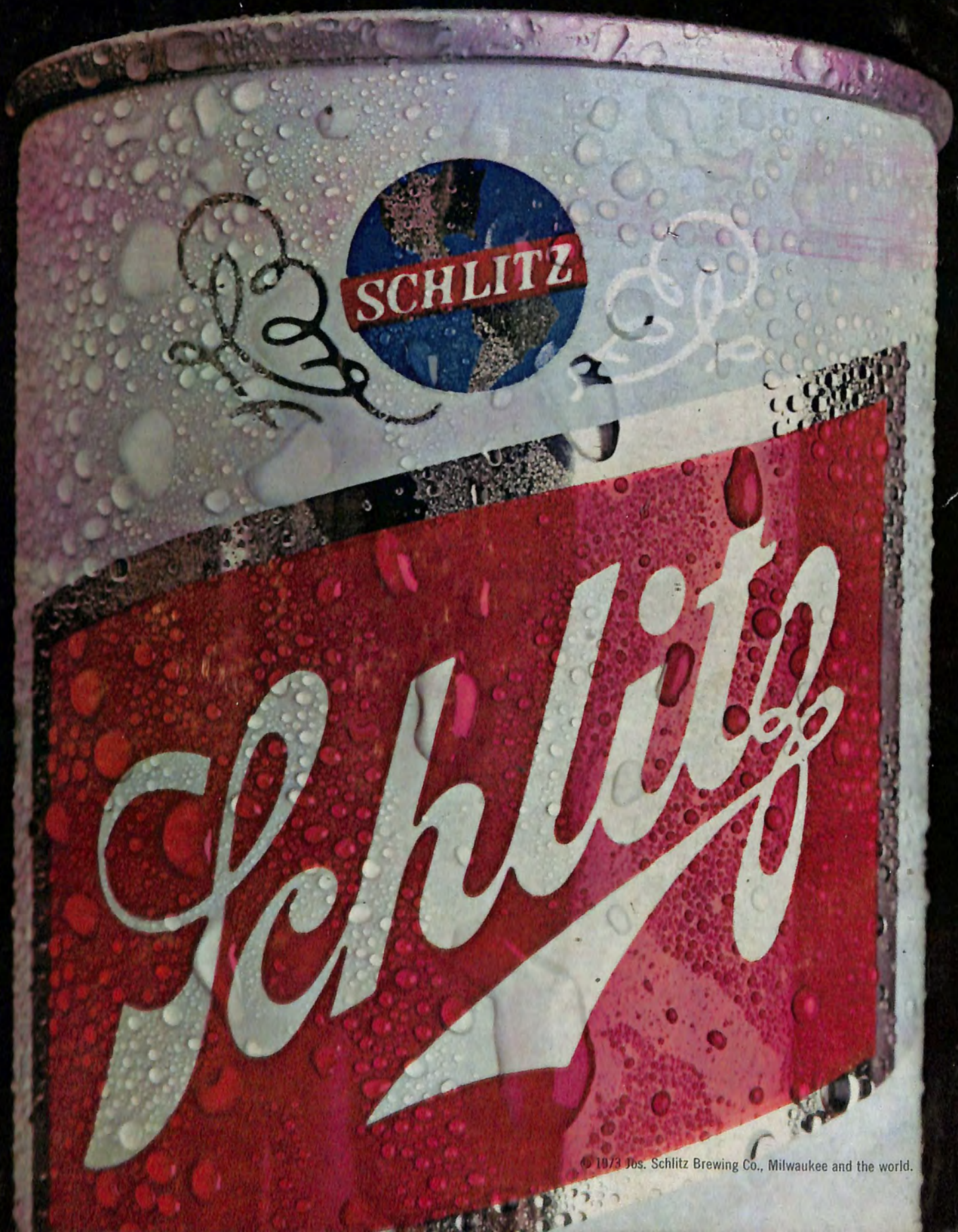

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